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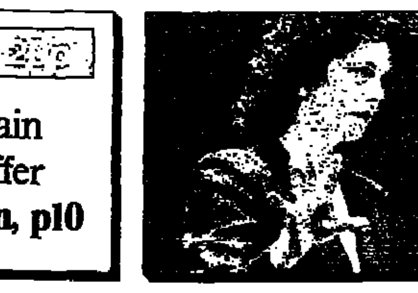

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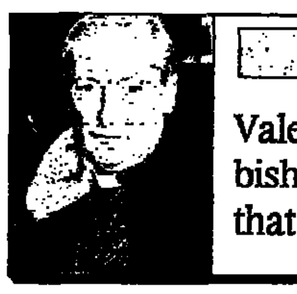

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Court to decide on leukaemia girl's chance to live

'Here the most precious right of all is at stake, namely the right to life'

By Richard Duce

THE future of a 10-year-old girl with leukaemia will be decided by a High Court judge today. Mr Justice Laws will rule whether to order a health authority to pay for treatment that could save her life.

The father of the girl — known only as B after the court ruled she could not be identified — took Cambridge Health Authority to the High Court in London yesterday after they refused to fund chemotherapy and a second bone marrow transplant.

The authority argued that she had little chance of survival and their cash reserves could better be spent on other patients. If the judge rules in favour of the girl, a doctor is standing by to begin the treatment, which will cost £75,000, immediately.

The health authority says the girl, who has acute myloid leukaemia, has a 2.5 per cent chance of putting the disease into remission and making a complete recovery.

Her lawyers said they had statements from doctors saying they believed she had between a ten and 20 per cent chance of a bone marrow transplant or chemotherapy succeeding.

The girl, from the Cambridge area, fell ill at the age of five and had her first bone marrow transplant in March last year. Her younger sister was the donor.

That was for Hodgkin's Lymphoma, but then she developed acute myloid leukaemia, and has been treated at both the Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, and the Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

The first course of chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant failed to work and in mid-January she was only given six to eight weeks to live. Bruce McIntyre, her counsel, said : "Her time is now effectively up." The child's father, who has given up work to look after her, received a letter from Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Commission on February 27, saying no funding was available for a second course of treatment.

The letter was from Dr Roy Zinnern, the director of both Cambridge Health Authority and the newly-formed Commission. He said in the letter that the decision had been made on clinical, and not financial, grounds.

Intended treatment for the girl by Dr Peter Gravett, a consultant haematologist, would have to be considered experimental and unproven. He said that as such, this meant it could not be justified under Department of Health guidelines on funding for treatment.

Nigel Pitt, for the health authority, said it was not accepted that the girl had a significant chance of survival. With palliative treatment, she would enjoy several weeks of normal life prior to regression.

The judge asked: "How can it not be justified when the alternative is certain death? It's what a betting man would call a risk against a certainty. Any man would take that risk." Mr Pitt said risk was not the issue. It was a question of whether the health authority should fund the treatment, "bearing in mind medical circumstances, suffering of the patient, and all the other calls on local resources.

"If the health authority was to spend all its money on treatment which doctors have advised was extremely unlikely to succeed, and then had no money left to treat hundreds of other patients, what would the public have to say about that?

"We are not taking a decision which is denying fundamental right to life. It's a question of giving money for treatment."

Mr McIntyre told the court the girl had a "significant" chance of surviving chemotherapy, which would put her into remission and then lead to a bone marrow transplant which could eventually cure her.

"They have, by refusing funding of this treatment, effectively taken the step whereby life is denied to this child." He argued that the health authority was "unreasonable and irrational" in deciding to withhold funding.

The judge asked of the health authority: "Should this applicant be given a modest but significant chance of prolonged life, or die in relative comfort?

"Here the most precious right of all is at stake, namely the right to life."

Clinton lets Adams raise funds in US

By Martin Fletcher in Washington and Philip Webster

PRESIDENT CLINTON rebuffed the British Government yesterday by granting Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, permission to raise funds in America and inviting him to a St Patrick's Day reception at the White House next Friday.

The decision prompted immediate disapproval in London, with Downing Street pointing out that earlier this week Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had advised against such a move during his visit to Washington.

British Government officials disclosed John Major's anger at Mr Clinton's move, saying that Washington knew that IRA recruitment and punishment beatings were still going on, and that it was important the IRA was denied the funds to buy weapons. Tory MPs condemned the decision and questioned why Mr Adams needed to raise money if he was genuinely dedicated to peace.

Mr Clinton took the decision despite the reservations of many of his advisers and intense lobbying from London. Even the American Embassy in London is understood to have warned him against the idea. The British had argued the Administration would miss a golden opportunity to advance the peace process if it abandoned its insistence that the IRA makes concrete progress towards decommissioning its arms before Mr Adams was allowed to raise funds.

Mr Clinton was under intense pressure from Senator Edward Kennedy and many other Irish-American congressmen to grant Mr Adams an unrestricted visa and, with his 1996 re-election campaign looming, the President needs the support of America's big Irish community.

Last night it appeared that an apparently conciliatory statement from Mr Adams on Wednesday suggesting that he would be ready to meet ministers to discuss the decommissioning of IRA weapons had convinced Mr Clinton that he should give the go-ahead.

Mr Adams had said: "Progress can be made on the whole range of relevant issues — justice, discrimination in employment, prisoners, political and constitutional matters and demilitarisation. Demilitarisation requires movement on a range of issues including repressive legislation, prisoners and the decommissioning of weapons."

The British Government is to seek clarification of Mr Adams's words but the initial signs were that it was not as impressed as Mr Clinton appears to have been. Officials said it was impossible to determine whether funds raised in America would go to Sinn Fein or the IRA.

The episode, while not amounting to an open rift, underlines the coolness and distance in relations between the British Government and Mr Clinton. It comes at an embarrassing time, only three weeks before Mr Major's visit to Washington.

Mr Clinton's decision will allow Mr Adams to raise millions of dollars for Sinn Fein, and to launch his fundraising efforts during next week's St Patrick's Day celebrations when the 40 million Americans who claim Irish descent are most likely to contribute. The White House said Mr Adams had pledged this money would be used only for legitimate political purposes and not to buy weapons, but British officials viewed that promise sceptically.

Mr Adams will also enjoy the enormous boost to his prestige of being received at the White House by the President, albeit as one of 300 guests attending the reception. Only on Tuesday Sir Patrick issued a warning during his visit that it would be "dismaying to about 50 million (British) people to have Mr Adams

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MAX NASHAP

The Queen talks to the crowd after opening the £89-million Lagan bridge in Belfast. She later visited Armagh, the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland

Relaxed security marks Queen's Ulster visit

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

THE Queen paid tribute yesterday to the "courage and compassion" of the people of Northern Ireland as she visited the Province for the first time since the IRA and loyalist ceasefires.

Nationalists and Unionists cheered the Queen in Belfast and Armagh City as she carried out engagements which would have been too dangerous before the ceasefires. Security was markedly more relaxed and the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, chatted to schoolchildren and wellwishers who presented her with flowers during walkabouts in the two cities. In Armagh, the Queen recalled the suffering the Province has endured as she conferred city status on Ireland's ecclesiastical capital.

In a brief speech to local dignitaries in the small Archbishop's Chapel next to the council office, she said: "For many difficult years the people of Northern Ireland have shown courage and compassion of an extraordinary kind. Today as they begin to look forward towards a more peaceful future Armagh, with its two great Cathedrals standing so close together, presents a powerful symbol of the strength, spirit and hopes of people across Northern Ireland."

She said that she was delighted that Armagh, which ceased to be a city in 1840, should regain its ancient status as it celebrated its 1,550 anniversary. She added: "I hope and pray that the future for the city of Armagh and of Northern Ireland as a whole may be one of peace and prosperity for all its citizens."

Her remarks were echoed by Archbishop Robin Eames, the Primate of the Church of Ireland, who said: "We remember the new generation of young people as they grow in mind, body and spirit. We pray that they may be the inheritors of a just and peaceful community." In a gesture of reconciliation the ceremony was attended by Cardinal Cahal Daly, the Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, the first leader of the Church to meet a Monarch since the Reformation.

Earlier the Queen received a warm welcome when she opened the £89-million Lagan Bridge in Belfast.

TV licence to cost £86.50

The cost of a colour television licence will rise from £84.50 to £86.50 on April 1, the Heritage Secretary Stephen Dorrell announced yesterday. The fee for black and white sets will rise from £28 to £28.50.

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Church's Easter message dispenses with the cross

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE cross has been dropped from a national churches advertising campaign for Easter because it carries "too much cultural baggage".

Advertisers considered the cross too predictable for the campaign and bus stops, roadside hoardings and church noticeboards will display posters where "tired old slogans" are replaced by the word "Surprise!"

The Churches Advertising Network, an organisation which is largely Anglican but includes representatives from all the mainstream denominations, wants "to get away from Easter eggs, bunnies and hot cross buns." But the organisation, which will be distributing posters to churches of all denominations, also wants to avoid images which are too "churchy".

Kate Grieves, an advertising manager who helped to mastermind the campaign, said: "What is this obsession with the cross? We are trying to reach those who are currently not interested in the church or the Christian faith. We are trying to meet them where they are, rather than putting out clichéd images which may be disregarded."

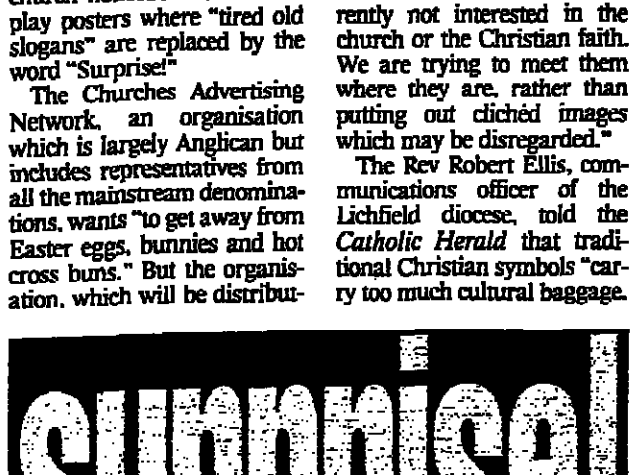
The Rev Robert Ellis, communications officer of the Lichfield diocese, told the *Catholic Herald* that traditional Christian symbols "carry too much cultural baggage. Endlessly repeating biblical quotations will cut no ice. People have already rejected traditional symbols."

But he added: "This campaign will not please everyone. For some it's not 'churchy' enough and some Christians may feel uncomfortable with its brash image."

The Rev Richard Thomas, of the Oxford diocese, said: "When we asked a number of people at random what happened on Easter Day, their reply was, it was the day Jesus died. With this campaign we have tried in a very stark way to focus on the resurrection and not on the death of Jesus, to get people outside the church to understand Easter is not just about death but is about resurrection."

The Very Rev Eric Evans, Dean of St Paul's, said: "This really is a surprise. I think it is extraordinary."

This is the first national Easter campaign, although the network has previously run Christmas campaigns. It will cost the church almost nothing, because experts have donated their time free and are negotiating for cut-price poster sites.



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Computer game curbs

The world's largest computer games manufacturers, Nintendo and Sega, face tough curbs after being severely criticised for operating against the public interest in pricing their goods and controlling the market.

A report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission said that the companies practised "discriminatory pricing" resulting in prices which are "excessive" in comparison with hardware .... Page 2

Major-Generals' marching orders

Seventeen major-general posts are to go in a shake-up of Army top brass that will involve compulsory redundancy for a hundred senior officers. Only ten major-generals have been told that they "definitely" have to go. The other seven posts are being phased out but the holders may be moved .... Page 5

Post Office plea

Conservative and Labour MPs on the trade and industry select committee united yesterday to urge ministers to cut the Post Office free from the Treasury and set it up as a Government company.

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Stimulating Gorman injects an antidote to the Mogadon factor

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

It's amazing how often MPs unwittingly provide the answers to their own questions. Or how often MPs *are* the answers to their own questions.

Or in Teresa Gorman's case, both. Mrs Gorman (C — whipless — Billericay) told Home Office ministers yesterday of her worries about drug abuse in prisons. Warders, she suggested, actually condoned this because when prisoners were spaced out on illegal substances, they caused less trouble. Gorman called it the "Mogadon factor".

She conjured up for MPs a vision of prison screws operating as a nationwide uniformed corps of high-pressure drug dealers. "Cop a toke of this, prisoner number MB1605. Skin up and chill out."

In the face of a prison population completely monged (as I believe the jargon has it) on soothing substances, Mrs Gorman seemed to think it desirable to gee them all up a bit. We needed to put a bit of a shock through their systems: something to get the adrenalin pumping.

Well how about the lady herself? In the language of stimulant v sedative, upper v downer, La Gorman is a stimulant, an upper. In the language of electro-magnetism, Gorman is a massive high-voltage shock. In drugs terminology, this woman is crack, smack, speed, whizz. Put Mrs Gorman on your board of prison visitors and before long the boys will be on the ceiling and breaking rocks.

Her great crusade, of course, is to publicise the benefits for women of hormone replacement therapy. Should this electrifying woman ever decide (at the age of 109, perhaps) not to stand again for Billericay, Essex would lose its zing. Heaven defend us from the Conservative Whips' Office's evil strategy: GRT, or Gorman Replacement Therapy.

But Mrs G was not the only self-prescribing therapy yesterday. John Greenway (C, Ryedale) was anxious to reinforce police numbers. Mr Greenway is an ex-policeman. We don't want to lose you, Mr Greenway, but...

Also in his place to torment the Home Secretary was David Evans (C, Welwyn and Hatfield). He rose at Question 9, demanding that Mr Howard "make the prison regime more rigorous".

That was the written part of his question. The spoken part followed. Here, the difficulty for sketchwriters is to render Mr Evans's prose in any recognisable form of notation. Teams of top transcribers in the offices of *Hansard* have yet to crack the problem. I shall now try...

"Wotwiv nine-cole horses — ahem — gole olf courses — an Sky TV an thy send aht warders fersteakrichips, *my* seenyaci'izens wanna now when criminoohs willwannaget *in*-na prison not *ah*-tavit...?" Evans glanced down at his papers.

"Reading!" shouted Labour MPs, under some misapprehension. Evans can't.

Here too, though, if Mr Evans's question is how we could make prisons less bearable for prisoners, Mr Evans's answer is, surely... Mr Evans.

Prisons already arrange to have "writers in residence" and "artists in residence". How about an "Evans in residence"? That would turn the tide of senior citizens trying to break in and begin a wave of desperate attempts to get out again.

If we could get Mr Evans out of the Commons and into some of the excessively pleasant penal establishments of which he complains, we should have solved two problems at once.

Whether Messrs Major, Blair and Ashdown could provide, on their own, the answers to their questions, we may doubt. That as a trio they deserve each other equally and cancel each other out completely, is certain.

Answering the Labour Leader yesterday, the Prime Minister began caustically: "The right hon gentleman is a distinguished lawyer." There were giggles.

Next, up popped Paddy Ashdown, coughing and spluttering and in no mood for a joke. "The right hon gentleman is *not* a distinguished lawyer," said Major.

Major accused Blair of idiocy. Blair accused Major of double dealing. Ashdown accused Major of hoodwinking waffle and Major accused Ashdown of feeble-mindedness.

Another Thursday, another Prime Minister's Questions.

Computer games firms face curbs for price fixing

BY EDWARD GORMAN

CHRIS HARRIS

Game prices are excessive compared with software costs, the commission says

THE world's largest computer games manufacturers, Nintendo and Sega, face tough curbs after being severely criticised for operating against the public interest in pricing their goods and controlling the market.

A report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission disclosed yesterday that the two companies, which hold almost unassailable positions in the £700 million market, practised "discriminatory pricing" resulting in prices that are "excessive" in comparison with the cost of hardware.

Ministers have warned the computer giants that they may face direct price controls because consumers are being forced to pay well over the odds for games such as Sonic the Hedgehog. Individual Sega games retail in high street shops from £10 for games in the classic range such as Batman Returns to about £70 for its top of the range Virtua Racing, based on grand prix racing.

The two companies, which dominate high street sales of video consoles and games, are criticised for breaking regulations on fair trading.

Jonathan Evans, Corporate Affairs Minister, accepted the report yesterday and announced a three-month consultation period on the commission's main recommendations. He also disclosed that he was seeking undertakings from Nintendo and Sega about specific aspects of their marketing and would be briefing competition authorities in Japan, where they are based.

Sega said it could agree with some of the findings but was disappointed overall. The company said the MMC had failed fully to appreciate the nature of the technology involved in computer games and the rapid speed of change in the market. But key figures in the computer games industry said the MMC and the Office of Fair Trading, which initiated the report, had acted far too late to help the consumer. It was being pointed out that complaints from members of the public and from independent software producers about Sega and Nintendo prices had met with no response for several years.

"The report is far too late, it should have happened a couple of years ago." Mark Patterson, editor of the leading industry magazine *Computer & Video Games Monthly*, said. Mr Patterson said the MMC was dealing with a market dominated by the 16-bit cartridge form of game which was being swept aside by new CD-Rom technology in which Nintendo and Sega will not be able to establish such a large market share.

Nicola Marsden, of the retailers Dixons and Currys, said: "The report is a bit historical. Video games of this type were key products two years ago."

David Tabizel, of the brokers Durlacher & Co, said the MMC had done too little too late. As a result there would be only a marginal impact on the consumer. In the meantime he predicted Sega and Nintendo and their main competitors would continue to control the sector as before.

Sonic: a bestseller

Adams row

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shaking hands with the President of the greatest democracy on earth". In contrast to Mr Clinton, Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, declined to invite Mr Adams to the Speaker's traditional St Patrick's Day lunch.

To justify the President's decision White House officials claimed privately that Britain had undercut its own position by letting Mr Adams raise funds in London, and by easing its own conditions earlier this week for holding direct talks with Sinn Fein.

The invitation to Mr Adams is one of the most important boosts to Sinn Fein since the IRA ceasefire. President Clinton's support for what Mr Adams calls the "pan nationalist consensus" on Ireland played a key role in convincing IRA hardliners to support the ceasefire.

Irish Government sources welcomed the American decision. Unionists reacted furiously. John Taylor, the Ulster Unionist MP for Strangford, described the decision as outrageous. Mr Taylor added that the British Government was partly to blame. "The British Government has been retreating on a daily basis over the decommissioning of arms. That is the example they are setting."

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, said that Mr Clinton was naive. "President Clinton is condoning terrorism and murder, and getting involved in something his Administration clearly doesn't understand." Mr Paisley also blamed the British Government for encouraging President Clinton to accept Mr Adams as a constitutional politician.

In recent years Noraid, the fund-raising arm of the IRA in the United States, has openly defied a court order to file regular reports with the Justice Department. The organisation's last filed accounts cover the year to July 1991 and involve claimed funds of £1.15 million. Since then, British officials assess the figure has declined to a little more than £330,000 a year.

Mr Adams, who will fly to America tomorrow, will also be able to open Sinn Fein's fund-raising operation in New York."Adams can raise millions, multi-millions of dollars in the Irish-American community," Father Sean McManus, president of the Irish National Caucus in Washington, said last night.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New inquiry ordered into defence bribes

A fresh inquiry into the fraudulent activities of Gordon Foxley, a former Ministry of Defence official who was convicted of receiving £1.3 million in bribes, has been ordered after a report by the National Audit Office.

In a report to Parliament yesterday on the risk of fraud in defence procurement, Sir John Bourn, head of the office, said that the ministry needed to pursue "vigorously" further investigations into the full extent of the case, the largest fraud by a civil servant to be detected. Foxley, a former director of the MoD's procurement executive, was jailed for four years in November 1993 for taking bribes from three overseas companies.

MPs urge post reform

The Government should give greater commercial freedom to the Post Office and remove all restrictions on the business activities of sub-postmasters, a committee of MPs urged yesterday. The all-party Trade and Industry Select Committee said a decision must be taken soon on the service's future and called for legislation to convert it into a 100 per cent Government-owned plc as a way of loosening the financial ties with the Treasury.

Arab bomber jailed

An Arab extremist was jailed for seven years at the Old Bailey yesterday after unexpectedly changing his plea. Mohamed Baalbaki, 35, born in Lebanon, admitted taking part in bomb attacks at the Syrian Embassy in Belgravia and the Swiss Centre in Leicester Square in 1985. Neither of the devices exploded properly and no one was injured.

Pilots protest over hours

Europe's 18,000 commercial airline pilots have launched a campaign to halt a planned relaxation of the rules governing the length of time they can be on duty. They claim that, if implemented, the EU proposals could put the lives of flight crews and passengers at risk because pilots would be tired and overworked.

Chief says crime pays

Charles Pollard, left, Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, has called for a review of the criminal justice system, which he says stacks the odds heavily in favour of defendants. Speaking in a studio debate to be screened on BBC2 on Sunday, he said: "Criminals can be forgiven for thinking that crime really does pay. Our trial system isn't working properly. Some would say it's in crisis."

Average council tax £607

Council tax on the average band D property in England will increase by £27 to £607 this year, according to a survey of most local authorities by Cipfa, the main public finance institute. The tax is lowest in Wales, at £393, but that represents a 12.4 per cent increase on last year. The band D rate in inner London will be £550, a rise of 4.6 per cent.

Starr's gardener guilty

Freddie Starr's gardener was yesterday convicted of stealing jewellery worth thousands of pounds from the comedian and his former wife. A jury at Reading Crown Court dismissed a claim by Robin Coxhead, a homosexual, that he was given the jewellery by Starr in exchange for sexual favours. Coxhead, 44, will be sentenced on April 7.

Windfall at 19th hole

A retired boatman who has suffered years of misery caused by inept golfers at Fortwilliam Golf Club in Belfast slicing their balls into his property, yesterday settled out of court for compensation of £12,500. David Ferran, 67, who claimed to have had hundreds of balls rain down on his home since 1967, said: "I now have about 2,500 of them in my garage."

City rebuffs Blair's crusade to gather business support

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE City of London has scorned Tony Blair's attempt to persuade the country that Labour has the answer to the country's economic ills, according to a survey.

On the economy in general, taxation, industry and small businesses, City leaders give the Conservatives a big lead over Labour. They also believe that a Labour government would be bad for business, stifle trading in the Square Mile and damage London's reputation as a world financial centre.

However, the City is deeply gloomy about John Major's chances of winning the next election. Most of its managers are bracing themselves for Mr Blair to take over at No 10. The findings come from a survey of 150 senior, middle and junior managers working in financial services conducted through questionnaires sent by the Charles Barker public relations firm.

Before the last election, the late John Smith led a "prawn cocktail" offensive aimed at persuading City boardrooms that Labour could be trusted with the economy. Since then Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, and Alastair Darling, the shadow City minister, have kept up the pressure but with a lower profile.

The survey contains some comfort for Labour. Although the party's economic prescriptions are rejected by the City, it scores over the Tories in areas such as jobs, the environment, education, training, health, transport, infrastructure and welfare.

But the central message amounts to a rebuff for Mr Blair's modernising crusade, symbolised by his campaign to ditch the Clause Four commitment to nationalisation, which is designed to persuade the middle classes that a Labour government would not cost them dearly.

The City also gives the Tories a narrow lead on Europe, with 38 per cent saying the Government has the best policies and 34 per cent the Opposition.

Duty to house the homeless overruled

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

COUNCILS do not have to provide permanent accommodation for the homeless, the High Court ruled yesterday.

The test case, brought by seven households, was fought by Conservative Wandsworth, in south London, which has been sending homeless people to live in private flats in neighbouring boroughs. The judgment means that anyone who has been accepted by a council as homeless and is waiting to be housed can be moved into a private flat with a short tenancy — with no guarantee they can remain there when the lease expires. It is seen as so important that it has been referred straight to the Lords. The Environment Department has joined the council in the case, because if Wandsworth loses, its guidance for dealing with the homeless will have to be rewritten.

Seven households took the council to court after they were given short leases by private landlords found by the council. They argued that this not only deprived them of their statutory right to a permanent home but meant they had to pay exorbitant rents. The court found against four families — the other cases were withdrawn on legal points. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper ruled that the 1985 Housing Act could not have been meant to place a duty on the council to provide accommodation for life.

Barings rescuer moves to reassure depositors

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE DUTCH bank that bailed out Barings after it suffered losses of £800 million has begun implementing controls to prevent a similar catastrophe. Aad Jacobs, chairman of Internationale Nederlanden Groep (ING), said: "One of the first things we are doing as a priority is to look at the control systems. People have to learn how to behave according to limits."

Despite his reassurance, there were indications yesterday that a number of depositors were taking the opportunity to withdraw their money. Roger Cornick, a director of Perpetual, a leading unit trust group that had £2 million on deposit with Barings, said: "We are going to move. It is only right that we do so given the weight of responsibility we have to many thousands of our investors."

While depositors, including pension funds, local authorities and charities, were reassured that their money was safe, there remain a number of issues to be resolved between ING and Ernst & Young, the bank's administrators. The Singapore arm of the Barings empire, scene of the trades which brought down the bank, is still in administration. Last night Hessel Lindenburgh, a main board director of ING, said: "The futures company in Singapore may be beyond repair."

It has also emerged that some charities are still significant losers from the Barings collapse. They held special Preference shares which Mr Jacobs said were "completely worthless" and are calling on ING to make good their losses with ex-gratia payments.

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, which is Barings's regulator, promised yesterday that the official report into the collapse would include a separate section covering the Bank's role in the affair. The Bank's investigators are working with the Serious Fraud Office in piecing together how the disaster was allowed to happen and whether to press for Nick Leeson, the trader blamed for the collapse, to be extradited from Germany to Britain, rather than to Singapore.

Mr Leeson was visited by his wife, father and brother for 90 minutes in prison in Frankfurt yesterday. It was the first time the trader, 28, had seen his wife, Lisa, 26, since their arrest at the city's airport a week earlier.

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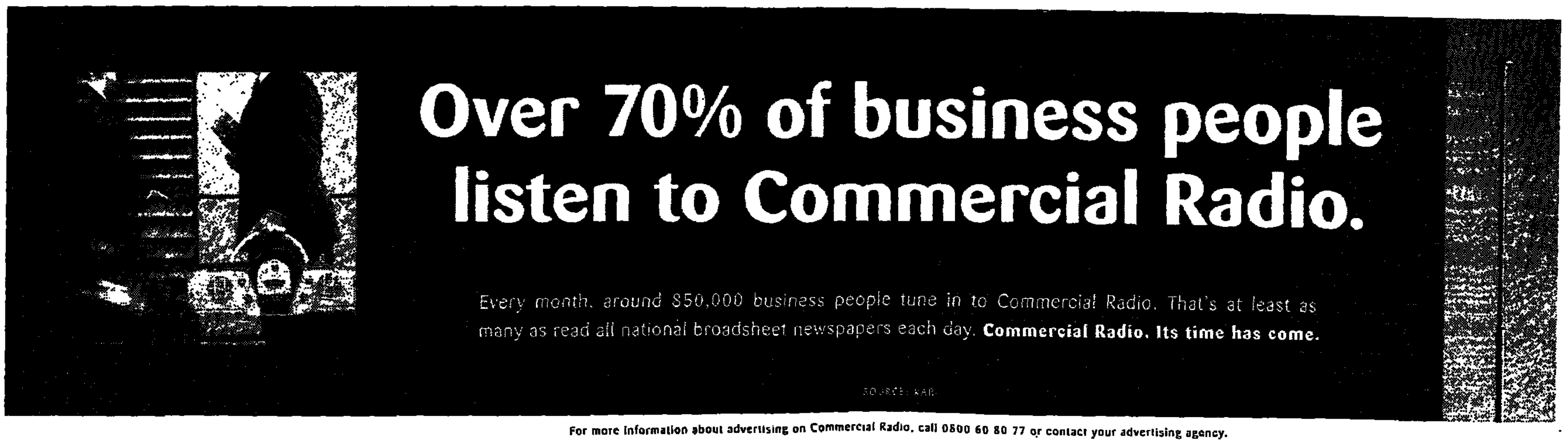

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‘Relationship between MP and constituent is similar to that of doctor and patient’

‘Devastated’ officials may deselect MP over affair

By Andrew Pierce

ROBERT HUGHES, who resigned from the Government on Monday, is to be summoned to an emergency meeting of his constituency executive after new disclosures about his extra-marital affair cast serious doubt on his future as an MP.

Senior members of Harrow West Conservative Association, who described themselves as devastated and disillusioned, were yesterday openly calling on him to stand down at the next election. A meeting of the association executive will consider his position on Tuesday evening.

Opinion in the constituency and at Westminster has hardened after reports that the twice-married father of three began his relationship with Janet Oates, 36, after she turned to him for help as her local MP. Miss Oates consulted him early last year because she feared her former boyfriend, who had been jailed for nine years for assaulting her, would be released from prison early.

She was beaten with a bottle, a telephone receiver, fists and feet during the four-hour attack in February 1993 by Radcliffe Clarke, 36, who also threatened to chop her finger off if she refused to remove a ring.

The judge at the Old Bailey trial in January last year described Miss Oates as "not robust and strong". The emotional strain of the assault led to her losing her secretarial job and she was off work for 18 months until last October, when Mr Hughes, 43, appointed her to replace his secretary who was going on maternity leave. He says that the affair was over when she was taken on. The relationship had been common knowledge to a handful of Tory stalwarts in Harrow for some time. But even his closest political colleagues were unaware that the relationship began after she visited his constituency surgery.

The MP with his wife Sandra after admitting the affair

Joyce Nickolay, the association chairman, said: "The whole issue is devastating. I am very disappointed and surprised. Bob is a family man." Mrs Nickolay said she had been given only a brief synopsis of the affair shortly before Mr Hughes resigned as Public Service Minister, with no details of when or how the relationship began.

"There will be no question of deselection. A by-election would be crazy. But we will want to discuss it throughly with him in preparation for the next general election. I cannot say whether he will get total support," she said.

Donald Abbott, a Tory councillor and member of the constituency executive, said: "A relationship between an MP and a constituent is similar to the one between a doctor and a patient. It is a trust which should not be broken. I am disillusioned. I do not want him as our MP anymore. But we cannot afford a by-election. I think he should stand down at the next election."

Another Tory councillor said: "It makes Bob liable to the accusation he could have taken advantage of his position. It's a complete mess."

Miss Oates returned to her tiny rented flat in Harrow, only a mile from the MP's surgery, for ten minutes yesterday before being driven off by a woman friend. Miss Oates, who is considering several lucrative offers to buy her story from tabloid newspapers, refused to discuss her relationship with the MP. "I am being hounded. I don't want to say anything. This is very difficult for me." She declined to say whether she had resigned as his secretary.

Mr Hughes, who was elected in 1987, was already under pressure in his constituency because of his strong support for closer links with Europe. He is a former parliamentary aide to Sir Edward Heath.

On Tuesday the MP, aware that the more details of his relationship with Miss Oates were about to be disclosed, appealed to the media for privacy. "Please allow my family to get on with the rest of their lives in peace." He declined to comment yesterday.

Janet Oates on a brief trip home yesterday. She refused to say if she had resigned

Doctor beaten up by Tube smoker

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A DOCTOR who lost his memory after being attacked by a Tube passenger he had told off said yesterday that being a good citizen had become too risky.

Dr Jonathan France, 25, suffered head injuries and amnesia after being beaten up when his wife complained to two men who were smoking at Manor House Underground station, north London. One replied "Shut up, bitch" and Dr France remonstrated with him. The man attacked the doctor, leaving him with memory loss, a ruptured back disc, suspected broken nose and severe concussion.

Dr France said after the case: "It's going to take a while to adjust my own ideas to match modern society's. In this day and age there's a fine line between being a good citizen and being too good a citizen."

Abeey Dikes, 25, of Stoke Newington, north London, was found guilty at Snaresbrook Crown Court of affray and assault causing actual bodily harm. Sentence was postponed until April 21.

Dr France was on his way to Heathrow Airport for a trip to the Himalayas. When the two men became aggressive the newly married doctor backed away, putting his hands up and saying: "Let's forget it, sorry, sorry." He was weighed down by his rucksack and had little chance to defend himself.

Rat-catcher who shared £11.3m is sacked by council

By Paul Wilkinson

A COUNCIL rat-catcher who shared an £11.3 million bequest on the death of his mother has been sacked for allegedly cheating his employers of £10.73.

Martin Williams, 44, whose family once owned Brodsworth Hall, outside Doncaster, near where he now destroys rodents, was dismissed after undercover surveillance by officials of Doncaster council. They accused him of gross misconduct by extending his half-hour lunch break without permission and claiming for time when he was not working.

Mr Williams, who was brought up in the grand Victorian mansion, which was given to English Heritage in 1989, said: "I am comfortably well off and do not need the money. Why should I defraud the council?"

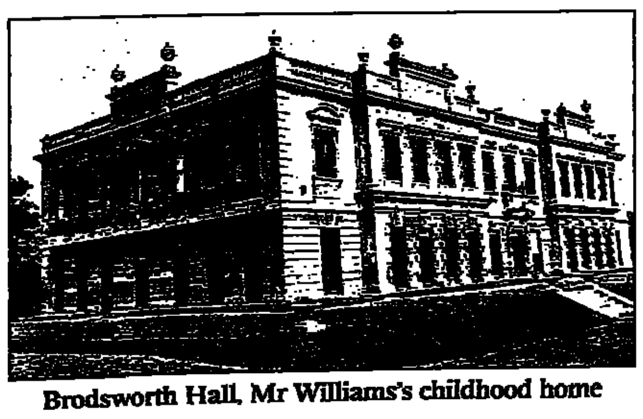
A rat-catcher for 14 years and currently earning £220 a week, he was one of five members of his family to share the bequest four years ago. But he loved his work so much that he decided to stay on.

Despite losing an internal appeal against dismissal, he is taking his case to a tribunal. He claimed that he took time off to bathe a sore foot. "I am not one for the easy life. In all my time with the council I have never received a verbal or a written warning. I like living in this area and take it as a compliment when people call me the rat-catcher. Really I am a pest-control worker."

Williams: denies claims

Doncaster council officials set up a week-long surveillance operation to catch Mr Williams after discovering his extended meal break. They even shadowed him in unmarked cars to see how he carried out his duties.

Brodsworth Hall and its contents are regarded as a classic example of Victorian country house life and will open to the public in July after four years of restoration.


Brodsworth Hall, Mr Williams's childhood home

Sex pest posed as housing official

By A Staff Reporter

THE first man in England to be convicted of attempting to procure a female for unlawful sexual intercourse by using false pretences walked free from court yesterday.

Ikechekwa Azuka, 29, was said to have made his victim's life a "living hell" after stealing her telephone number from confidential council files. He pretended to be a housing officer and told his victim she would be eligible for a new home if she had sex with him, the Old Bailey was told.

At the time he committed that offence he was on bail for making obscene calls to another woman. In that case Azuka, who was then working for Croydon Social Services as a clerk, stole the number from confidential department files. On 3 October last he was given probation but three days later he was arrested for the second offence.

Judge Pownall, QC, decided to give him a second chance after hearing that if he attended a project for sex offenders he could be cured of his obsession to "talk dirty" on the telephone to women. He again placed him on probation for two years and ordered that he attend the project.

The defendant, a civil engineering graduate, lost his job after his first offence. The judge was told that no one knew how he obtained the number of his second victim from council files after she applied to be rehoused.

Akuza, pretending to be a Wandsworth housing officer, phoned the woman promising her a new home in exchange for sexual favours. She called police and the defendant was arrested after she arranged to meet him. He was carrying jars of Vaseline, baby oil and two condoms.

Woman told to repay gift of £230,000 from former lover

By Lin Jenkins

A WOMAN has been ordered by the High Court to repay £231,000 paid to her by her former lover, a millionaire car-dealer who died in 1989 aged 95.

Alfred Clarke's three children went to court seeking the return of more than £1.9 million he had given to Hannah Prus, a neighbour with whom he began an affair when he was 80 and she 53.

Mr Justice Knox, in a reserved judgment, rejected claims that Mrs Prus, 74, had been guilty of fraud or that for the first 13 years of their relationship the cash payments were anything other than gifts to the woman he loved. Mr Clarke's children had claimed that she had systematically defrauded him and been guilty of undue influence since he would not have parted with the cash willingly, having kept his late wife short of money.

It was only during the last two years of his life that he was unable to form a proper judgment and she had worn him down with demands and verbal abuse. The judge ruled that the children were entitled to the return of gifts totalling £231,428 from that period alone.

"What started out as Mr Clarke's folly finished up as Mrs Prus' victimisation of Mr Clarke," the judge said.

Interest is payable on the sum to be returned but the court was told that Mrs Prus's home in Purley, Surrey, was about to be repossessed and that she could soon be declared bankrupt. Mrs Prus, who is Polish born, uses the name Lady Isabella Granville at her Surrey home. She has also used the name Melania Glowalka, Princess of Battenburg. A divorcee, she met Mr Clarke in 1973.

Mrs Prus was "wildly extravagant", the judge said. She took winter holidays in St Moritz and ran up bills for luxury purchases. The children, Alfred Clarke, Thelma L'Estrang and Rosalind Burgess, were suspicious of their father's generosity since he was reclusive and lived a very frugal life.

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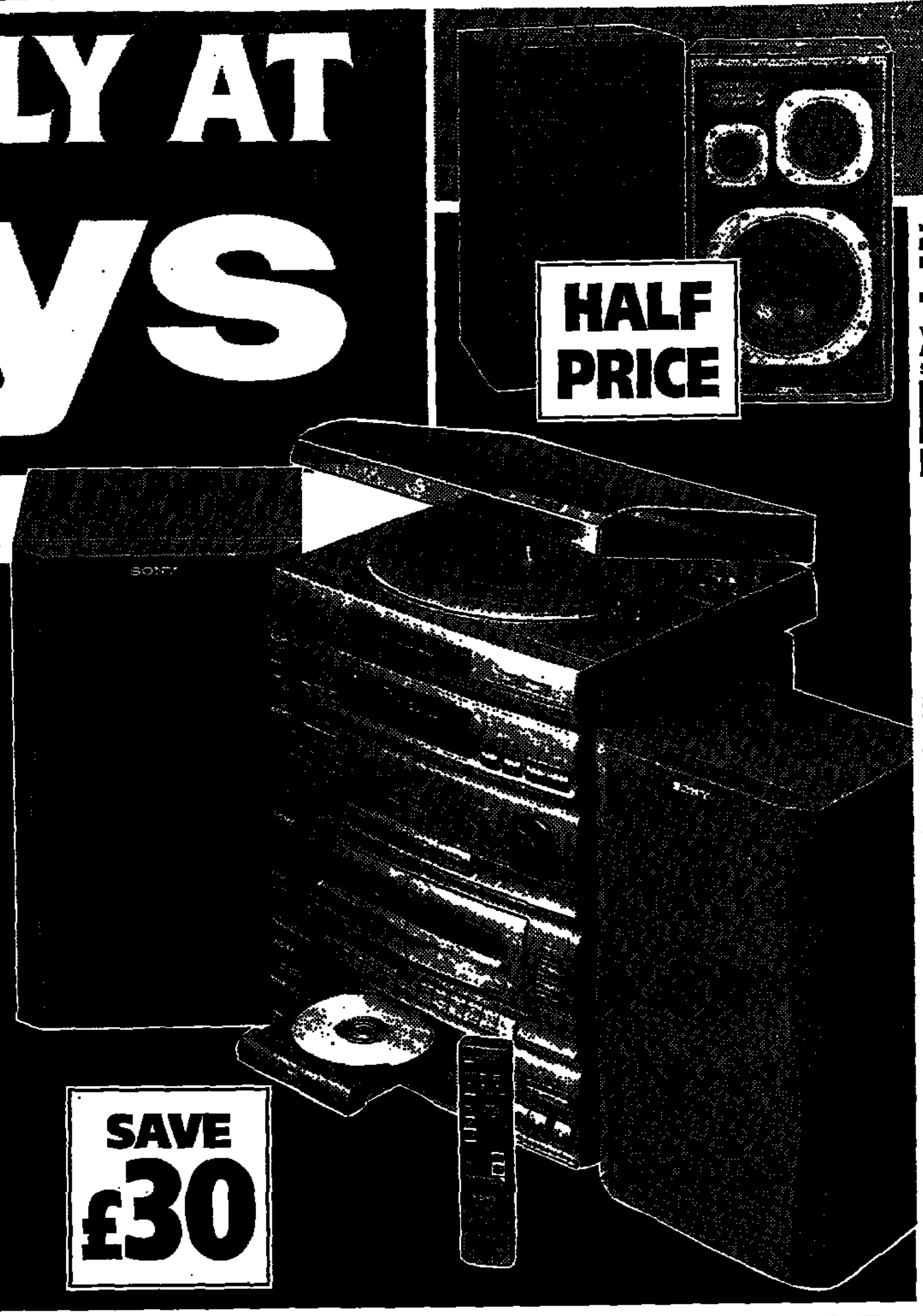

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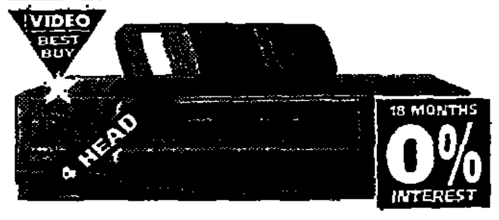

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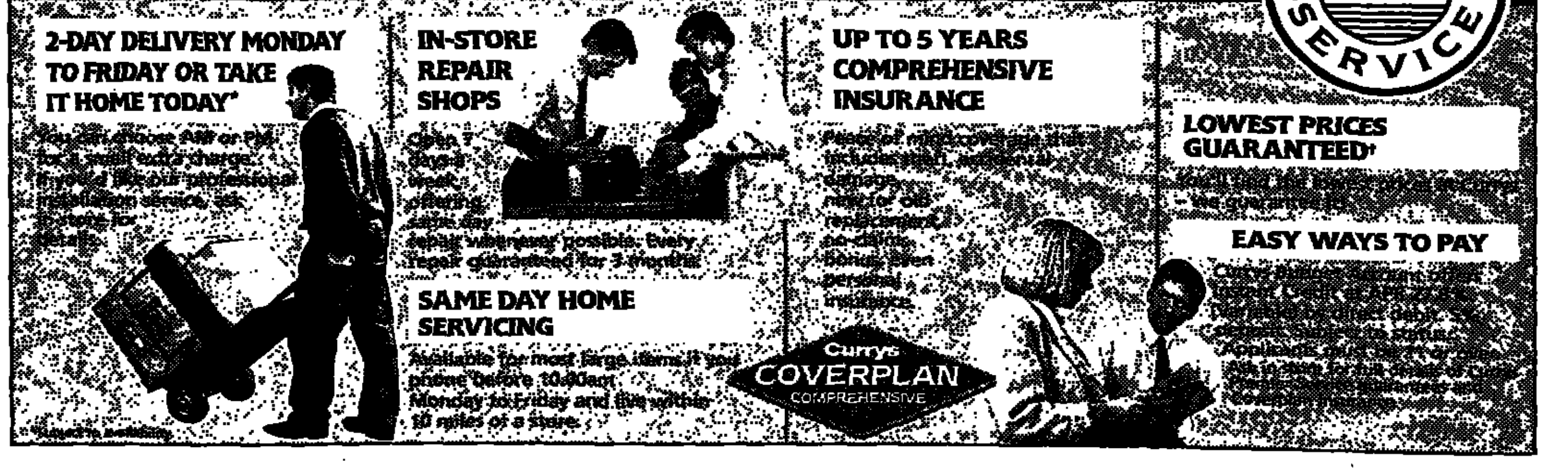

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Major-generals given their marching orders

Rifkind: refused to say why notices issued

By Our Defence Correspondent

SEVENTEEN major-general posts are to go in a shake-up of Army top brass that will involve compulsory redundancy for nearly a hundred senior officers.

Only ten major-generals have been told that they "definitely" have to go. The other seven posts are being phased out but the current holders may be moved to other jobs. The cuts will be completed by mid-1997. For the first time, the major-generals will be able to benefit from generous redundancy payments. In the past, two-star major-generals who failed to make promotion to three-star lieutenant-generals, had to leave without any form of redundancy which was paid only up to the rank of brigadier. The Treasury has also agreed, in an unprecedented move, to pay redundancy retrospectively to major-generals who had to leave the Army before their retirement age of 55. The Ministry of Defence said that involved a relatively small sum.

The sweeping cuts in top commanders, which also include 32 brigadiers and 48 full colonels, have been ordered as a result of last year's Frontline First defence costs study which found savings of £750 million in the armed forces' support areas. The Ministry of Defence would not say which of the Army's major-generals have been earmarked for redundancy. However, there are a number of senior posts in the MoD that have been absorbed under the Frontline First programme and there are plans to downgrade several jobs, such as the director of the School of Infantry and director of the School of Artillery, from major-general to brigadier.

The Chaplain General and the two major-generals in the Royal Army Medical Corps would not be affected, the MoD said. Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said the redundancies were part of the cuts he had approved after the Frontline First review last year. He refused to explain why it had been necessary to issue compulsory notices to the 100 senior officers.

The ten facing compulsory redundancy within the next 18 months all received personal letters from Lieutenant-General Robert Hayman-Joyce, the Military Secretary, in the post yesterday. The other seven posts that are being phased out by 1997 include the job of commander-in-chief British Forces Hong Kong, currently Major-General Bryan Dutton. Hong Kong will not be a British colony after July 1997. The cuts bring the number of major-generals down from 47, which includes the chaplain general and two medical generals, to 30. Before the Options for Change defence review in 1990 there were 60 major-generals, which were reduced to 54 by June 1993.

The number of brigadiers will drop from 181 to 149 and the number of full colonels from 499 to 451. All the brigadiers and colonels in yesterday's announcement are also being made compulsorily redundant. Under the redundancy arrangements, a major-general who joined the Army at the age of 21 and is required to leave one year and nine months before his official retirement age of 55 will receive a total of about £145,000, consisting of £28,655 in annual pension payments, £85,964 as a terminal grant and a special capital payment or golden handshake of £30,777.

If he had stayed in the Army until 55, he would have received a pension of £29,856, a terminal grant of £89,562 and no golden handshake. The latest redundancies are part of a total Army package of 500 job cuts, announced under the defence costs study.

The jobs of the Army's nine lieutenant-generals and six full generals are safe.

Rifkind overrules MoD with Westland helicopter order

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE Government announced a £1.2 billion order for 36 RAF transport helicopters yesterday and admitted it had opted for the more expensive choice.

The decision to buy a mixed fleet of 22 EH101 helicopters, built by Westland in Somerset and by the Italian company Agusta, and 14 Chinooks from Boeing, instead of an all-Chinook fleet, added £300 million to the bill, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said.

The mixed-fleet option was taken against the financial advice of Malcolm McIntosh, chief of defence procurement at the Defence Ministry. Dr McIntosh is also the ministry's accounting officer who has to justify spending before the Commons Public Accounts Committee.

Mr Rifkind had to issue a "direction" to Dr Mckintosh, effectively overruling his judgment. At a press conference, Mr Rifkind justified the extra £300 million for the helicopter contract on the ground that the purchase of the EH101 would safeguard 5,000 jobs at Westland and preserve Britain's helicopter-manufacturing capability.

The announcement was welcomed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, in a signal to RAF commanders. However, it is no secret that the RAF would have preferred to stick to Chinooks. It already has 32 in service and they can carry twice the payload. The purchase of the EH101 will mean increased training, a different stock of spares and additional maintenance work.

However, Mr Rifkind said the EH101, which will not be ready until 1999, was more flexible and more manoeuvrable in confined spaces. The Royal Navy had already ordered 44 of the anti-submarine version of the EH101, called Merlin.

Boeing, which had been asked to bid for up to 40 Chinooks, gets the consolation prize of a further eight of the twin-rotar helicopters, plus a further six needed as replacements to meet the expected attrition rate over the next few years.

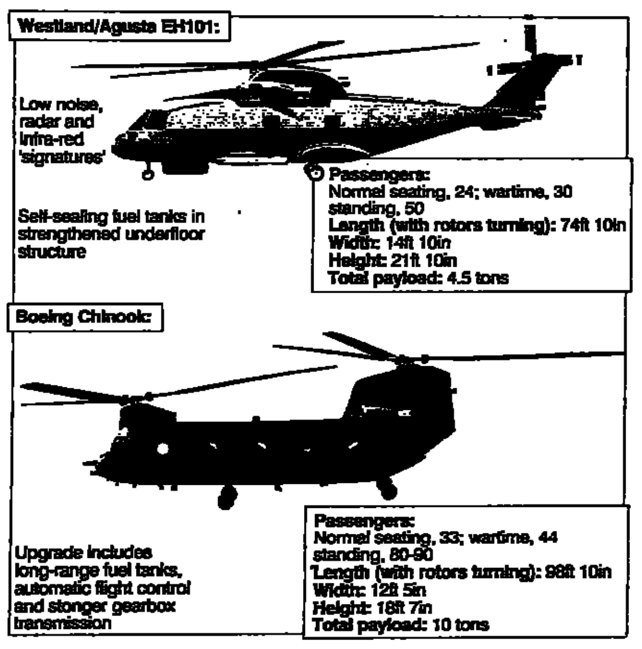
Mr Rifkind said that with the new order the number of support helicopters for the armed forces would double. He would not say what the new contract was worth but it is expected to be about £500 million, to be shared between Westland and Agusta.

Westland expects to sell the EH101 to foreign buyers now that the order has been placed by the RAF. "We certainly wouldn't have stood much chance of exports if we hadn't won the RAF contract," one Westland source said.

The order was welcomed in the Commons. David Clark, Labour defence spokesman, said it was "absolutely vital" that Britain should maintain its helicopter-building capability.

☐ The new Defence Helicopter School for the Army, Navy and RAF is to be based at Shawbury, Staffordshire, from April 1997, Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, confirmed last night.

Helicopter training at Culdrose, Cornwall, will move to the new joint school and Culdrose will become the base for training Navy pilots in missile and gunnery operations. Middle Wallop, near Salisbury, will remain the home of Army Aviation, but will lose its helicopter training facility to Shawbury. All Army activity at Netheravon, also in Wiltshire, is to be relocated.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Upgrade includes long-range fuel tanks, automatic flight control and stonger gearbox transmission
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Normal seating, 33; wartime, 44 standing, 80-90
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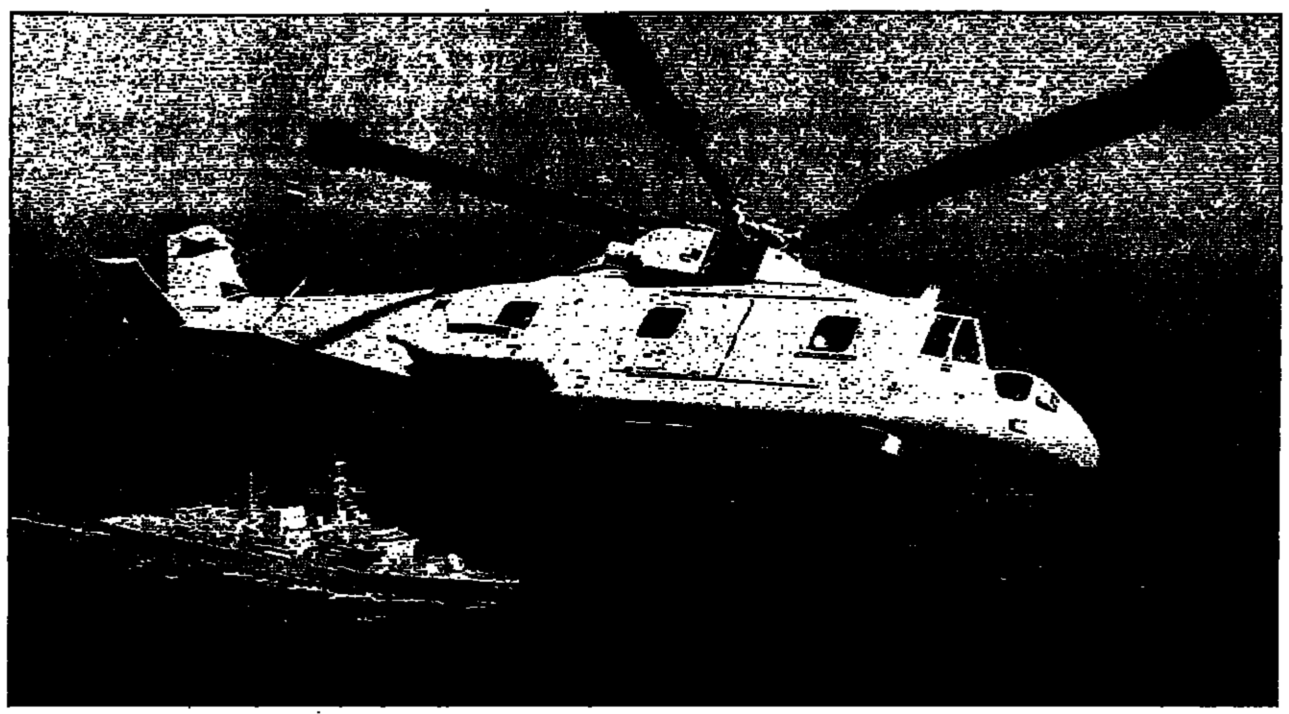

The order for the Westland EH101 will safeguard 5,000 jobs and preserve Britain's helicopter-making capability

Decision ends years of uncertainty

By Michael Evans

THERE was a mixture of relief and rejoicing yesterday at the Westland factory in Yeovil, where the order for 22 EH101s helicopters ended years of uncertainty.

George Younger, then Defence Secretary, announced in 1987 that the Government would order 25 EH101s, but the ending of the Cold War brought a reappraisal of all equipment purchases.

Westland is the biggest employer in Somerset with 5,000 staff, and several hundred of them were present in the EH101 assembly hall to hear news of the deal from Roger Freeman, the Defence Procurement Minister. He was accompanied by Alan Jones, the company's chief executive.

Tony Fife, the Mayor of Yeovil, said: "This is splendid news but long overdue. The delay has been totally unacceptable." Peter Farr, acting chairman of the Manufacturing Science and Finance Union at the plant, said that the order was "fantastic news".

Rolls-Royce will provide each of the three RTM 322 engines for the new helicopters. They will all be built at the Rolls-Royce's Patchway plant on the outskirts of Bristol, which also employs about 5,000 people. A further 200 defence subcontractors are guaranteed work because of the order.

☐ Britain is expected to win a huge order for Hawk trainer aircraft from India worth more than £1 billion. Although no contract has been signed and negotiations are continuing, an agreement to buy at least 48 aircraft is expected within weeks.

The deal will be good news for British Aerospace's workforce at Warton, Lancashire, and at Brough, Humberside, where the Hawk is manufactured.

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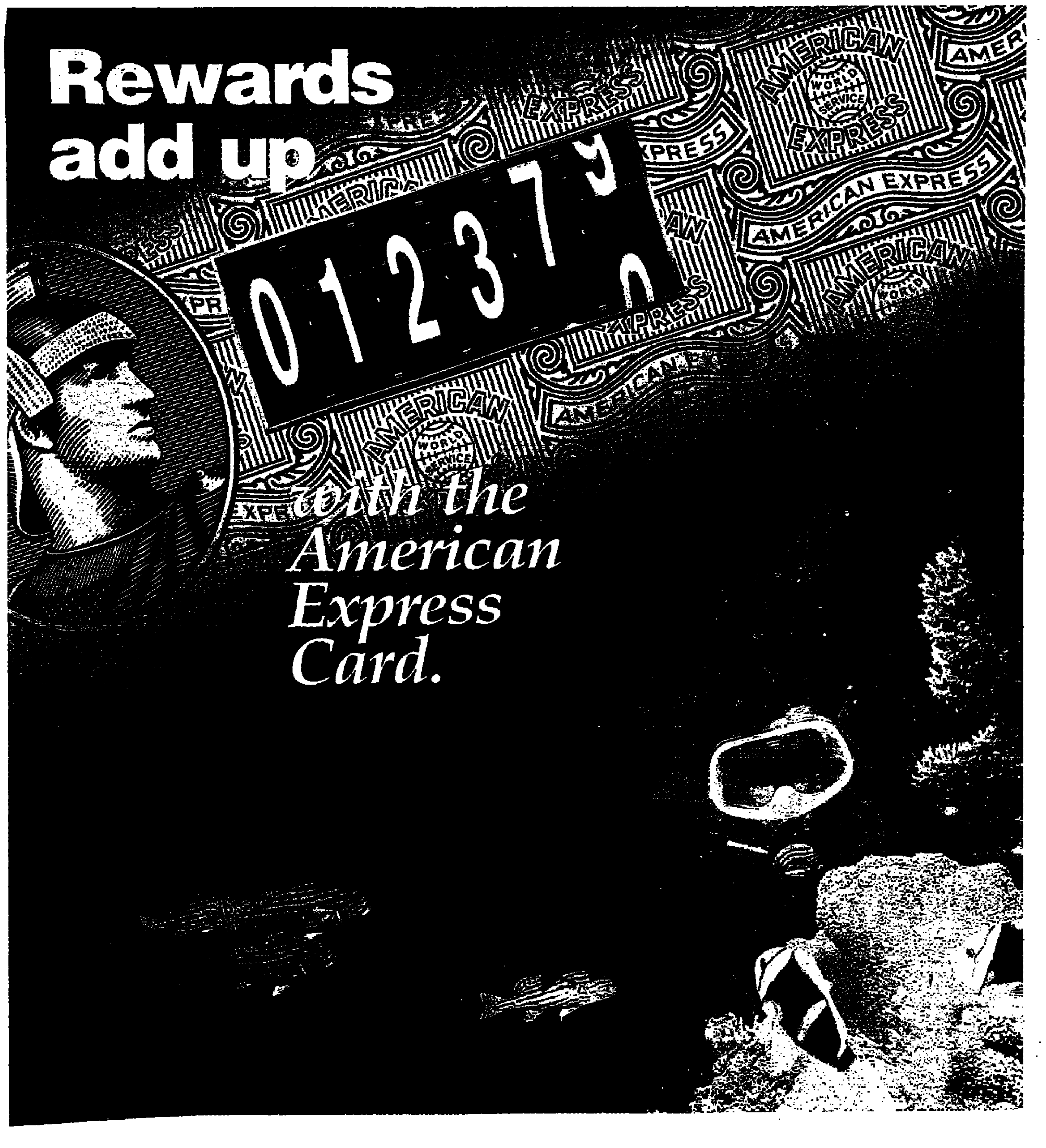

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Howard toughens 'soft option' of community service

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

THE Home Secretary issued a set of guidelines yesterday to toughen community service sentences and reaffirmed a blanket ban on probation officers sending offenders on foreign outward-bound style holidays.

Michael Howard angered the probation service by suggesting that community sentences were a soft option that rewarded criminals. In future, probation workers will have to provide courts with an "offence analysis", including an assessment of the consequences of the crime and its impact on the victim, together with a judgment of the offender's attitude and desire to make reparations.

Mr Howard wants magistrates to consider in every case whether young offenders should carry out socially useful projects such as environmental work. Children as young ten could be made to pick up litter as part of treatment on a supervision order. He told a press conference in central London: "The days of the community sentence being seen as a soft option are over. Offenders should be punished for their crimes."

He added: "We want no more cases where offenders serving community sentences appear to be enjoying recreation by another means. The public has a right to expect that community sentences mean punishment, that offenders will pay for their activities."

The new standards are the latest in a series of measures intended to toughen community sentences and overhaul the probation service. Last month Mr Howard announced a shake-up in probation officer training that will end the need for them to have a social work qualification and is aimed at encouraging more men and mature recruits.

Senior probation officers say they have become the target of unfair ministerial attack. Mary Honeyball, general secretary of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, accused the Home Secretary of denigrating the service. She said: "Michael Howard's clear suggestion that most community sentences reward offenders for their crimes is an appalling slur on the probation service and other public agencies which are doing an immense amount of work to reduce crime."

Ms Honeyball accused the Home Secretary of confusing toughness with effectiveness. "Community sentences already contain a real element of punishment and are already making a powerful contribution to reduce offending."

The number of offenders who began community sentences in 1993 was 106,520. Yesterday's announcement is part of the drive launched last year by John Major to rid Britain of its "yob culture".

Energetic president thinks on his feet

By Rob Hughes

WHILE London sleeps, a visiting head of state rises at 5am for his jog in Regent's Park. Kim Young Sam, 67, the President of South Korea, is on a six-nation tour of Europe and starts his day with a half-hour run.

For a president who recently banned members of his entourage from playing golf because it was "a valuable waste of government officials' time", the purpose of his exercise is spelt out. An aide plodding along behind says: "This is not just physical, it is mental refreshment. While he is running he is thinking of what he will say to your Prime Minister, what he will say in his important speech at the UN conference in Copenhagen on Saturday."

Afterwards the president met Tony Blair, the Labour leader, before laying a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier at Westminster Abbey. He concluded his two-day visit to Britain with a dinner at 10 Downing Street, last night hosted by John Major.

SIMON WALKER

Kim Young Sam, who banned his officials from playing golf as "a waste of time"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman, 64, used guide to suicide

A 64-year-old retired teacher who had terminal cancer killed herself after reading a guide to suicide. The book was found at Barbara Brayshaw's home in Dymock, Gloucestershire, where she took a drug overdose. An inquest in Gloucester was told yesterday that she made careful preparations and sent suicide notes to her doctor and stepdaughter. Alan Crickmore, deputy coroner, condemned the book but did not name it.

Docks clash

Three people were injured and three arrested when up to 200 animal rights protesters clashed with police at Millbay Docks, Plymouth, early yesterday in an attempt to halt a convoy of 17 lorries carrying calves and lambs for export.

Rope death

An inquest at Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, was told that Richard Gough, 32, a car mechanic from Melksham, Wiltshire, tied a rope to a post in a car park, put the other end round his neck and drove away. Verdict: suicide.

Next-door style

Anthony Rushworth, 32, fitted his home in Leigh, Greater Manchester, with articles stolen from a neighbour. He was jailed for six months for handling stolen goods.

Pensioner attack

A woman aged 73 had her skull fractured as a mugger took her bag containing only a brolly in Newtown, Birmingham. Marion Higgins was seriously ill in hospital.

Smoke alarm

James Ryan, of Chorley, Lancashire, set himself and his mother ablaze when he lit a cigarette after reporting a gas leak at their home. Both were treated for burns.

African show

South African works of art are to be shown in London for the first time since the end of apartheid. The Royal Academy of Arts is to put on a show of African art in October.

In the doghouse

As Andrew Watkins was checking the takings from his two pubs in Driffield, Humberside, his guard dog, Feist, snatched £1,000 in cash, chewing up all but £18.

Tight squeeze

Jason Evans, 18, had to be cut free by police after becoming stuck in a cat-flap while trying to get into his own home at Eastleigh, Hampshire, in the early hours.

Scientists warm to a lunar theory

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

FIFTEEN years of satellite data have finally proved that the Earth is warmer when the Moon is full.

The difference, however, is scarcely noticeable — a bare fiftieth of 1C between new moon and full moon. The tiny difference explains why it has taken so long to prove: weather variations swamp its effects.

Dr Robert Balling and Dr Randall Cerveny of Arizona State University have examined the temperature record using measurements by satellites in polar orbits. Between January 1979 and August 1994 the satellites made daily records of the temperature of the lowest four miles of the atmosphere, averaged over the whole world.

The temperatures vary little. The highest, on December 29, 1987, was just over 1C higher than the lowest on August 2, 1992, after the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines.

The most likely reason why the Earth is warmer when the Moon is full is that it reflects more of the Sun's heat. Lunar influences on rainfall, cloudiness and thunderstorms may also contribute.

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In the last two years, Professor Etzioni's ideas have been taken up by politicians as diverse as President Clinton and Chancellor Kohl, Jack Kemp and Al Gore. He argues that we need to balance rights with responsibilities and that instead of leaving everything to the state or the market we need to build up the intermediate institutions of the voluntary sector, schools and the family.

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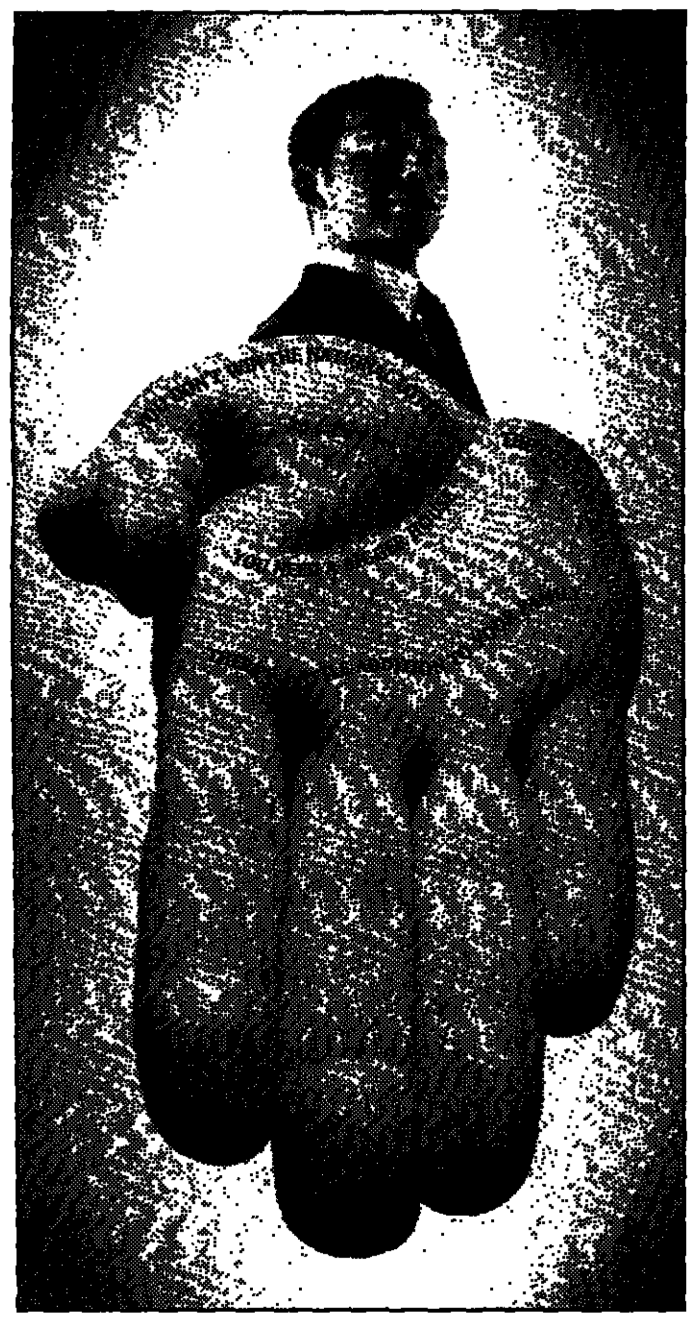

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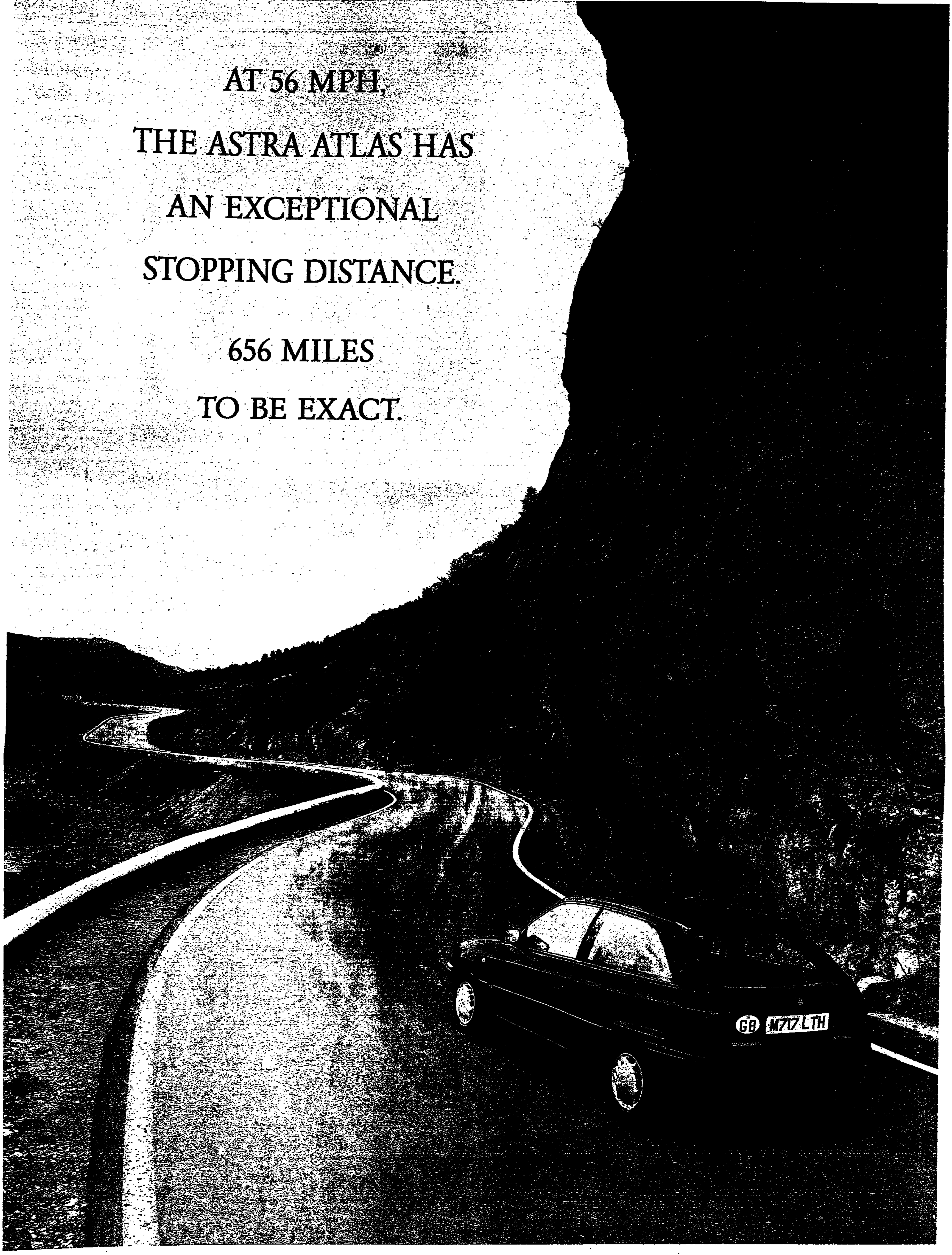

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Solicitors to lose their case for wearing wigs

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

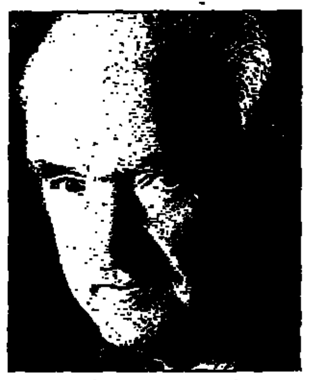
THE Lord Chancellor is to expected to end the long and heated debate on wigs with a decision this month that solicitor-advocates must remain bareheaded.

The decision would infuriate the hundred or more solicitor-advocates, many of whom want the freedom to wear 18th-century horsehair in court. It would also contradict advice given to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, by his committee on the legal profession under Lord Steyn, the law lord.

Lord Steyn, in a letter to Lord Mackay before Christmas, said that if the justification for wigs was that they added dignity to court proceedings, that could not "possibly justify a prohibition on solicitor-advocates wearing wigs in those very same court proceedings". If the purpose of wigs was to underline the equality of advocates before the courts, then "in the eyes of the court all advocates ought to be treated as equal in every respect".

Yesterday Paul Hampton, chairman of the Solicitors' Association of Higher Court Advocates, which has made representations to the Lord Chancellor to be allowed to wear wigs, said: "If this turns out to be the case, it would be extremely disappointing.

"It would clearly be something which we feel puts solicitor-advocates at a serious disadvantage [compared to barristers] because a number of people believe that wearing of wigs in court confers a competitive advantage on the wearer." Now that solicitors could obtain a certificate enabling them to take cases in the Crown Court and above, there would be some advocates with wigs and some without appearing before a bewigged judge, he said. "The problem is that in the eyes of people in court, this is likely to show a close affinity between the wig-wearing advocate and the wig-wearing judge."


Mackay: expected to reject experts' advice

Last July the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, issued a temporary practice direction on behalf of Lord Mackay saying that solicitors should not be allow to wear wigs pending further consultation. The order was issued after protests by barristers at seeing solicitors in Crown Courts wearing wigs.

The order stated Queen's Counsel were to wear a short wig and silk or stuff gown and junior counsel a short wig and stuff gown with bands, but solicitors a black stuff gown with bands but no wig.

The wig debate began when Lord Taylor came to office in 1992 and shocked traditionalists by saying he would not mind removing wigs altogether. They looked "slightly ridiculous", he said.

An 18-month consultation exercise followed and the overwhelming verdict from public and profession was that wigs should stay, despite support for them to go among barristers working in the commercial court.

The Bar conducted spot checks on the circuits to find out where wig-wearing solicitors had been seen. They found that the attitude of judges was inconsistent. In Birmingham and Lincoln, for example, wig-wearing solicitors were reported after being given permission by assitant recorders. On the North Eastern circuit, a "sprinkling of solicitors" wearing wigs was reported but in Bradford two judges had reportedly refused to allow wigs.

The Bar also took leading counsel's advice. Robert Owen, QC, said they were justified in opposing solicitors and stated that solicitors should not be "allowed to pass themselves off as barristers".

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BBC TELEVISION

Amanda Root and Ciaran Hinds in *Persuasion*, adapted for BBC2 by Nick Dear

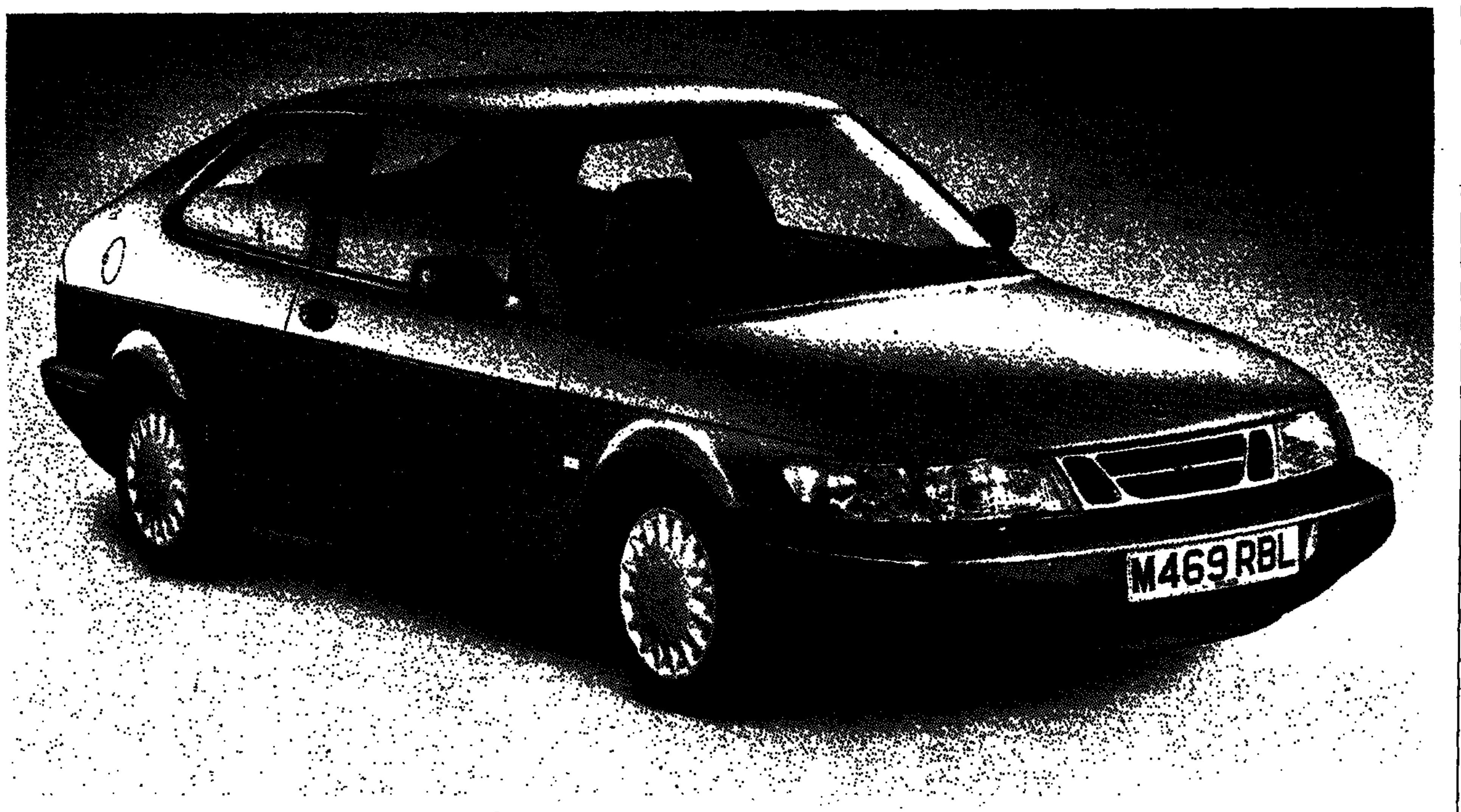
BBC2 to show play of Scott inquiry

By Alexandra Frean
Media correspondent

THE BBC is to screen a drama based on the Scott inquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair.

Half the Picture is to be shown on BBC2 during the week that the inquiry's findings are published, expected to be in June. The film, made by Freeway Films, is based on the Tricycle Theatre production of the play by Richard Norton-Taylor and John McGrath. Sylvia Syms again plays Margaret Thatcher, having appeared in Granada's *Thatcher — The Final Days*, in 1991. Announcing the new *Screen Two* season yesterday, George Faber, head of single drama at the BBC, said that the play was one of several that would deal with topical issues.

The season also includes an adaptation of David Hare's *The Absence of War*, a fictional study of the trials of a reforming Labour Party leader during a general election. The first film version of Jane Austen's *Persuasion* will be screened next month.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TV rivals prompt World Service to change its timing

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

BBC WORLD Service Radio is to make significant changes to its English-language broadcasts in an attempt to beat off growing competition from international cable and satellite television.

From April 1, the World Service will stop broadcasting its English-language programming simultaneously around the globe. Instead, programmes will be transmitted at different times in five time-zones to coincide with local needs.

Thirty-seven million people regularly tune into the English-language broadcasts. Sam Younger, managing director of World Service Radio, said: "By putting programmes into more time-slots that are suitable for local listeners we hope not only to maintain our audiences, but to grow and increase them."

Mr Younger admitted that World Service Radio, which has a total audience of 130 million for its 41 language services, was losing listeners in countries where there had been a big expansion of media services. In addition to competitors such as CNN and the BBC's own World Service Television satellite channels, local operators such as the Hindi channel Zee TV in India are drawing away BBC audiences. There has also been a significant fall in Eastern European listeners since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Unlike the domestic BBC service, which is funded by the television licence fee, World Service Radio is financed by a grant from the Foreign Office. The grant is being cut by 8 per cent in real terms between 1994 and 1997 and the corporation is anxious to safeguard its funding for the three-year period to 2000. "Put crudely, we are introducing these schedule changes to maximise our audience reach, which will give us the best agruments *vis-à-vis funding*," Mr Younger said.

☐ A former department store manager has been appointed chief executive of the Radio Authority. Tony Stoller, 47, from Hampshire, who managed part of the John Lewis Partnership for ten years, will take over on July 1 after the retirement of Peter Baldwin.

One of his first tasks at the authority, which licenses and regulates independent radio, will be to oversee the allocation of 36 new local FM licences. He previously worked for the Independent Broadcasting Authority and ran a local radio station.

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High Court backs Britain's right to EU border control

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

THE Government won a significant victory in the High Court yesterday when a judge ruled that Britain has the right to impose immigration controls on travellers from states in the European Union.

Mr Justice McCullough said that the maintenance of immigration checks to establish nationality — a "very light degree of control" on EU nationals — was not made unlawful by the EU treaty requiring member states to take steps to establish a single internal market by the end of 1992.

He had no doubt that the European Court of Justice would back his judgment that it was lawful for Britain to keep border and passport controls after 1993 when the single European market came into existence.

The ruling was a rejection of fears expressed by Charles Wardle, a former immigration minister, who resigned from the Government last month claiming that Britain was in danger of losing the power to maintain border controls.

The judge dismissed a legal challenge by Don Flynn, an immigration campaigner, who accused Home Office officials of infringing his rights under EU law by refusing to allow him to re-enter Britain after a day-trip to Calais without showing his passport.

Mr Flynn, 43, from Clapton, east London, is European projects worker with the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants. The organisation must pay the costs of his challenge.

He and friends travelled to Calais by hovercraft in May 1993 and when they returned Mr Flynn refused to produce his passport on the ground that the Treaty of Rome ensured free movement within the European Union.

His lawyer argued that Article 7a of the treaty contemplated a single market with no border controls, allowing free movement of EU nationals within member states.

Dismissing the challenge, the judge said the article did no more than impose the obligation to adopt measures with the aim of creating an internal market. "It did not ordain that the market would come into being on January 1, 1993," the judge said. "It recognises the diversity and complexity of the provisions that, in the view of member states, would first need to be made."

Claude Moraes, director of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, said the judgment was extremely harsh. "It is completely wrong that we have to wait for free movement until some point at which external borders are strong enough. It is impossible for external frontiers to be watertight." Mr Flynn, who is to appeal, said that nine years after the signing of the Single European Act, people were no nearer free movement.

MICHAEL POWELL

Simone Spiteri, 18, of the English National Ballet, with Robert Cruickshank, a molecular biologist, during rehearsals for the Molecular Biology Ballet at the Natural History Museum in London. The ballet will use dancers and scientists dressed in coloured outfits representing molecular building blocks to explain the principles of DNA. The performance, on March 17, is part of National Science Week

Sir Bob attacks sale of railways

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

SIR BOB REID, the outgoing chairman of British Rail, yesterday attacked the way the Government has handled rail privatisation, claiming that it has resulted in a fall in the quality of train services.

He also appeared to question the financial viability of rail passenger franchises by saying that he would not put any of his own money into bidding for one. Sir Bob, 60, who steps down at the end of the month, has been a persistent opponent of the Government's proposals for the sale of BR, although he *has never disputed the principle of* privatisation.

Sir Bob told BBC Radio's *Today* programme that he would have kept BR intact and would not have set up Railtrack. "That would have worked, but that's not the way the Government wanted to do it. They wanted to break it away and make it much more independent."

The Government's decision to divide BR into dozens of autonomous operating units and sell or franchise them to the private sector had resulted in poorer services, he said. "Performance has gone down, and nobody can deny that."

☐ Staff at Liverpool Street station handed out 25,000 chocolate bars to rush-hour commuters in recompense for severe delays last week. The Spira bars were given away on Tuesday with letters from Great Eastern Railways apologising for a "nightmare domino effect" of breakdowns and a power cut on March 1.

'Feather' printing protects wild birds

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

GENETIC fingerprinting is cutting the illegal trade in birds of prey and helping them to survive in the wild, according to scientists at Nottingham University.

A new development promises to make detection even simpler, requiring only a feather rather than a blood sample to demonstrate the bird's ancestry. Trade is illegal if the birds have been taken from the wild.

Birds in captivity must be registered with the Environment Department, which requires *proof of parentage*. Using DNA fingerprinting, blood samples can show whether young birds are descended from captive birds. Already the technique has helped to convict six keepers who claimed their birds had been bred in captivity.

Dr Jon Wetton, a member of the Nottingham team, said yesterday that in 1993 tests made on 38 peregrine falcons claimed to have been bred in captivity showed that all but two had in fact been taken from the wild. Since then, the number of young peregrines registered had fallen from 360 to 270 a year and the number of goshawks from 154 to 115 — a 25 per cent fall in both cases.

☐ A 7ft female leatherback turtle washed up at Brighouse Bay on the Solway Firth on Boxing Day was killed by a plastic bag lodged in its stomach. A post mortem at the Scottish Agricultural College at Inverness also showed the turtle had a 4in hook in one of its flippers.

Pork available at bargain prices

By Henry Fitzherbert

WEEKEND SHOPPING

PORK is excellent value this weekend, with bargains available for most cuts.

Asda's pork rolled shoulder joints are 95p a lb while Sainsbury's pork leg joints are reduced by a third. Pork loin steak at Safeway is £2.18 a lb and boneless pork loin steak at Somerfield costs £1.88 a lb. Boneless pork chops at Budgens are down to £1.99 a lb.

Baby new potatoes are cheaper this week as availability increases. At Budgens 680g costs 99p; at Somerfield 500g costs 79p. Other good value vegetables include broccoli, 69p for 450g at Tesco and spinach, 85p for 250g at Waitrose.

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Inquiry ordered after airlift brain patient dies

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

THE Government has ordered a regional health authority to explain why a man who suffered head injuries in a hit-and-run accident in Kent had to be flown 200 miles to Leeds for treatment. The man died late on Wednesday night.

Tom Sackville, junior health minister, has called for a report into the case after doctors at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent, were unable to find a neurosurgical intensive care unit in the South East to take the man.

An independent report on neurosurgical facilities in the South East, produced in 1993 as part of the Tomlinson review of London's hospitals, said that many provided a "*dangerously inadequate* level of care". It said patients who needed emergency neurosurgery after a road traffic accident were "likely to receive a better level of treatment in several other major cities than in London".

Malcolm Murray, 45, was hit by a van outside a public house in Orpington on Monday night after being involved in a fight minutes earlier. He was taken by ambulance to Queen Mary's, where doctors began a frantic search for a neurosurgical unit able to treat him. The nearest specialist unit, at the Brook Hospital, Woolwich, southeast London, was closed by an outbreak of infection. A bed was eventually found at Leeds General Infirmary.

Mr Murray was flown by RAF helicopter with a medical team to Leeds in the early hours of Tuesday. He was operated on immediately but died on Wednesday night.

Sackville: "Difficult balance to be struck"

Mr Sackville said yesterday: "I extend my deepest sympathy to Mr Murray's family. I welcome the urgent investigation set up by the South Thames Regional Office. I am expecting their report as soon as possible."

Mr Sackville said that demand for intensive care beds fluctuated and health authorities had to decide on the level of provision for local populations. "There is a difficult balance to be struck," he said.

There are 13 neurosurgical centres in London and the South East but a spokeswoman for Queen Mary's was unable to say how many had been contacted before doctors found the bed in Leeds.

Rab Hide, consultant neurosurgeon at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, who chaired the 1993 review of London's neurosurgical centres, said he stood by his warning that road accident victims were at higher risk in the capital. "A lot of the units in London are small and lack the capacity to respond to fluctuations in demand. There is also an overall shortage of intensive care beds."

In the Commons, the Prime Minister provoked Labour anger when he defended Mr Murray's flight to Leeds. Jim Dowd, Labour MP for Lewisham West, said: "Does this not demonstrate conclusively that the bed closure programme your Government is pursuing in London has gone too far?"

John Major replied: "Although the full facts of the case are not yet in front of me, I do understand that Mr Murray required a very highly specialised form of treatment where Leeds were particularly in a position to help. That was the medical decision that was taken. Beyond that, we will have to wait for the result of the inquiry." Labour MPs cried "Shame!"

☐ Police are considering pressing murder charges against Samuel Ripley, 33, of Orpington, who has appeared before Bromley magistrates charged with the attempted murder of Mr Murray.

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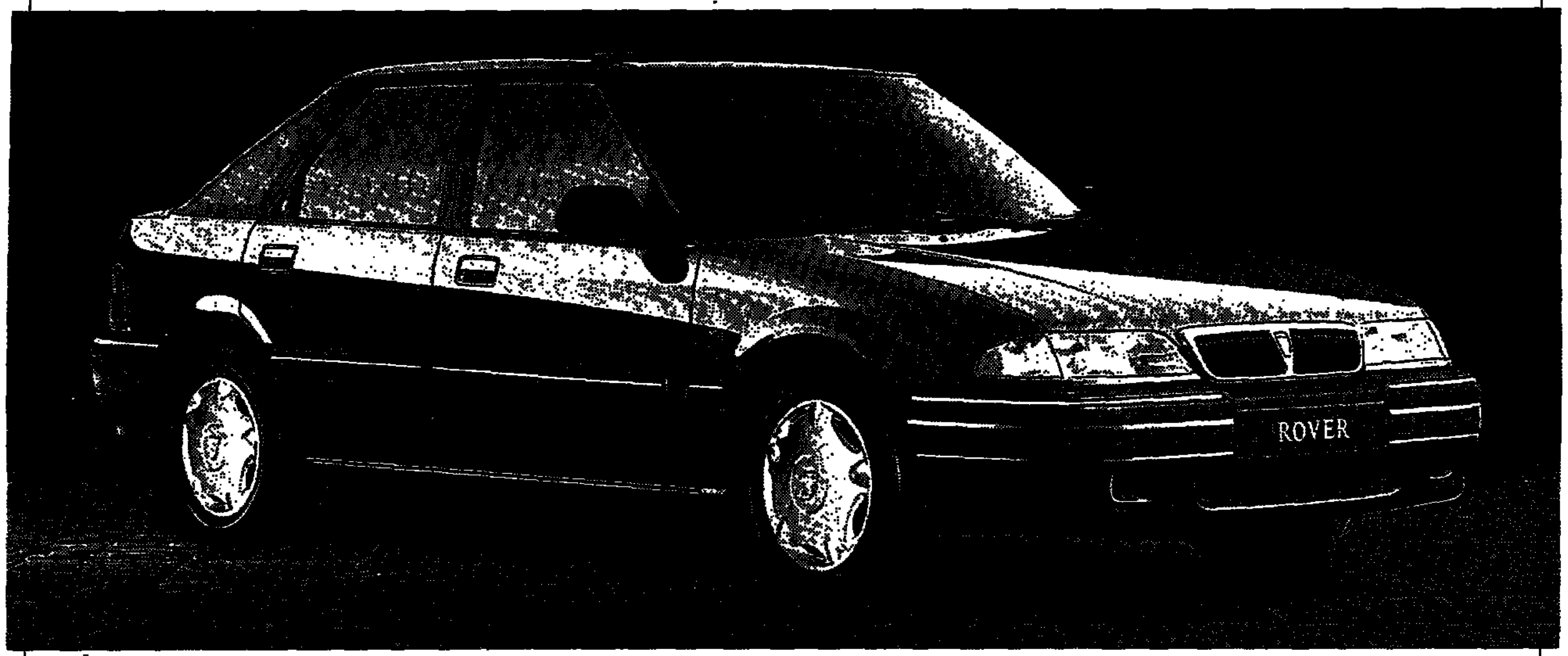
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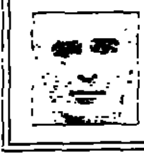

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Deaf ear turned to brain tumour clue

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DOCTORS are wary of patients with deafness in one ear. In the past, the patients blamed such things as shooting, an explosion during the war or flying in old-fashioned aircraft. Now more often the constant use of the telephone is thought to account for their troubles.

Too frequently the explanation is not the true one and they are suffering from an acoustic neuroma, a tumour that grows on the eighth nerve, the cranial nerve that leads from the brain to the ear. Acoustic neuromas are comparatively common and account for 7 per cent of intracranial tumours.

Doctors' anxiety that they may be missing a neuroma will not be eased by the March edition of *Vogue*. Michal Shawcross, formerly the medical and science correspondent for BBC2's *Newsnight*, writes of her struggle to persuade her medical advisers that she was physically ill and not suffering from viral fatigue, food intolerance or hypochondria.

She visited six British doctors. All missed the diagnosis and only when she returned to her native Cape Town did a professor of gastroenterology spot the sign that gave him the diagnosis. As the tumour grows, it presses on adjacent nerves. There may be facial weakness, facial pain or numbness, and the corneal reflex from the eye is lost.

This was the vital clue that the gastroenterologist picked up. The cornea loses its sensitivity so that the patient no longer blinks when the eye is lightly touched. As the tumour grows even larger, it presses on the cerebellum and brain stem so that symptoms of raised intra-cranial pressure, including severe headaches, changes in mood, nausea, a staggering gait and poor coordination predominate. Little wonder that Ms Shawcross crashed her car.

She had brain surgery in America, where a tumour the size of a peach was removed. An alternative would have been Stockholm, where new techniques in radiotherapy are producing as good a result without the risk of damaging healthy tissue.

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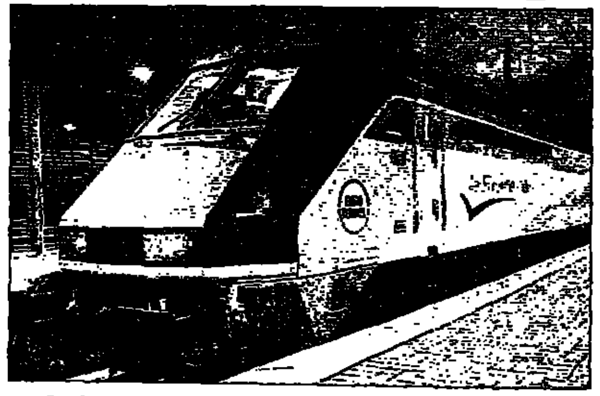
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Tories seek to oust Janner as head of high pay inquiry

By Alice Thomson, political reporter

BACKBENCH Tory MPs demanded the resignation last night of Greville Janner, the Labour MP chairing the Commons inquiry into executive pay in the privatised utilities.

There was also speculation that those Tories who sit on the committee will take the rare step next week of challenging Mr Janner's position as chairman.

The backbenchers are outraged that Mr Janner, who is meant to be the scourge of the highly paid privatised industry bosses, has a business empire of his own that helps the same chief executives to improve their presentational skills.

The MPs have also demanded a Commons debate on the question of referring their claims about Mr Janner to the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Mr Janner, MP for Leicester West, who chairs the Commons Employment Select Committee, which examines alleged excesses in pay and perks, revels in his reputation for putting brutal questions to top bosses from privatised monopolies such as Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas. He likes to claim the credit for having alerted the public and media to their rising salaries and having forced John Major into saying that he was ready to legislate to curb excesses.

But Tory MPs say that he has a conflict of interests and even his Labour colleagues say that his bullying as Grand Inquisitor has become embarrassing and is risking the impossible — making people feel sorry for Mr Brown and his £475,000 salary.

In an emergency Commons motion last night, 16 Tories accused Mr Janner, a director of JSB Group, which advises several privatised companies including British Gas and National Power, of having a conflict of interests. They also condemned him for his role in the award of a huge salary and share-option scheme to the chairman and directors of Ladbrokes. Mr Janner is a £25,000-a-year non-executive director and member of the remuneration committee of Ladbroke plc, whose chairman earns £583,000 — about £108,000 more than Mr Brown. Five directors were granted 1.3 million share options worth £2.3 million.

He is also one of the richest members of the House of Commons and the son of a peer. His company teaches people how to cope with the media and charges up to £2,000 a day.

The Commons motion calling for his resignation noted that he was "interviewing leading industrialists and businessmen on their remuneration packages, while at the same time offering these people his services on how to improve their public speaking and presentational skills".

MPs are also angry at the way the flamboyant Mr Janner has dominated the headlines. One backbench Labour MP said: "It is nauseating to see Mr Brown, a man who began his working life at 16 with a pick and shovel and made something of himself with his bare hands being witch-hunted by a man who earns his money — and a lot of money — rather more easily."

Alan Duncan, Tory MP for Rutland and Melton, said: "He has turned the Select Committee system into a vulgar stunt on prime-time TV. We have learnt nothing from his antics. It is time he was removed as chairman."

But Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, said: "If we investigated the chairmanship of all the select committees held by Tory backbenchers, we would almost certainly find a conflict of interest in nearly every case."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to Home Office ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by debates on the South Africa Bill, all stages, and the developing parliamentary broadcasting archives.

The Lords debated the Environment Bill and the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act (Enforcement of External Orders) Order.

TODAY: MPs are taking their first constituency Friday under the reform of Commons working hours. The House of Lords is not sitting.

Why Blair must win today's battle in Scotland

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Tony Blair has problems in Scotland, and not just because of this afternoon's vote on Clause Four. His New Labour approach has made less of an impact north of the border than in England. This matters since, unlike in England, Labour faces stiff competition in its traditional strongholds as the Scottish Nationalists seek to attract working-class votes.

The Blair effect has appealed more to middle-class people disillusioned with the Tories than to working-class voters. This is in part because of Mr Blair's appearance, as a metropolitan professional. But it is mainly his language. His embrace of middle-income Britain strikes a chord in the suburbs and the South, but not on rundown council estates. His talk of aspirations, of being in the mainstream, does not excite those who feel excluded. No matter that Mr Blair's proposals on crime, education etc could do as much, if not more, for working-class people as for the discontented middle-classes. Mr Blair does not appear to be banging the drum on behalf of Labour's core working-class voters. Even Labour MPs who are close allies of the Labour leader report a difference in the class response. Party supporters who warmed to John Smith do not identify so closely with Mr Blair.

All these factors apply even more in Scotland where political attitudes are different. There is a stronger tradition of collectivism and public provision there, particularly in and around Glasgow where the Scottish Nationalists are strongly challenging Labour.

These class and regional contrasts are brought out in various MORI polls for *The Times*. Support for Labour nationally rose most sharply among managers and professional people between the start of last year, before Mr Smith died, and the end of the year, after Mr Blair's election. The increase was from 33 to 45 per cent. The rise among unskilled workers was much smaller, up from an already high 61 to 69 per cent. Mr Blair's personal approval ratings have improved most sharply compared with Mr Smith among middle-class rather than working-class voters.

In addition, Mr Blair's approval rating is far lower in Scotland than in the rest of the country. The MORI index which measures those satisfied less dissatisfied with the way he is doing his job stands at plus six points in Scotland, but plus 26 points in Britain as a whole. Labour support among working class Scots was flat during the course of last year, and rose less among the middle classes than in England. This cannot be explained just by the fact that Mr Smith was quintessentially Scottish, while Mr Blair is, despite his years at school in Edinburgh, is seen as distinctively English.

As this week's *System Three* poll in *The Herald* showed, Labour is still way ahead of any other party in Scotland as Tory support has collapsed since the last election. The Scottish Nationalists are a strong second and are clear favourites to win the Perth and Kinross by-election despite their initial disarray over their choice of candidate. The nationalists have tended to adopt different approaches depending on whether they are fighting the Tories, as in Perth and other north-eastern seats, or fighting Labour, as in Strathclyde.

Labour therefore has to adopt a different approach in Scotland from the rest of the country. There will be less of New Labour than in England and more about bringing power back to Scotland from Westminster via a directly elected parliament with tax-raising powers.

Today's vote over Clause Four matters in Scottish terms as well as for Mr Blair's attempt to change the party's constitution at the special conference on April 29. A defeat this afternoon may be just a public relations setback for Mr Blair's national battle, but it could have much longer and deeper effects on the party's standing in Scotland.

PETER RIDDELL

Major is accused of power double-deal

By Philip Webster, political editor

TONY BLAIR accused the Government yesterday of incompetence or double-dealing over the sale of its remaining stake in National Power and PowerGen.

The Labour leader levelled the charge in the Commons after John Major admitted that the Government was aware that the electricity regulator was considering new price controls before it decided to go ahead with the sale.

Mr Major said the Treasury had taken independent legal advice "at the end of last week" on whether the share sale prospectus was still accurate. The advice was that "even if the issue of price controls for the regional electricity companies was reopened, that was not material to the share sale of the generating companies". The generating companies were "subject to a wholly different basis of regulation".

Mr Blair said: "Isn't the short truth that the privatisation programme, already damaged by boardroom excess and customer complaints, is now tarnished by at best incompetence and at worst double-dealing by Government?"

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Delegates given Clause 4 warning

By Jill Sherman and Gillian Bowditch

TONY BLAIR will urge delegates to Labour's Scottish conference today not to "cop out" of updating the party's constitution.

The Labour leader will make a personal plea to the conference in Inverness an hour before the crucial vote on rewriting Clause Four. The trade unions and constituencies are still evenly split over whether to back Mr Blair's attempt to scrap the party's commitment to nationalisation. But last night the Scottish executive voted 18-12 to back a pro-change motion from the public service union Unison.

Delegates will have a choice of voting for a new Clause Four or for an addition to the present clause, but there will be no middle ground. Unison's draft will reaffirm Labour's commitment to public ownership where justified on the grounds of efficiency and equity and will seek to ensure a socially responsible and accountable regulated private sector. It will emphasise Labour's support for equality, social justice and international solidarity.

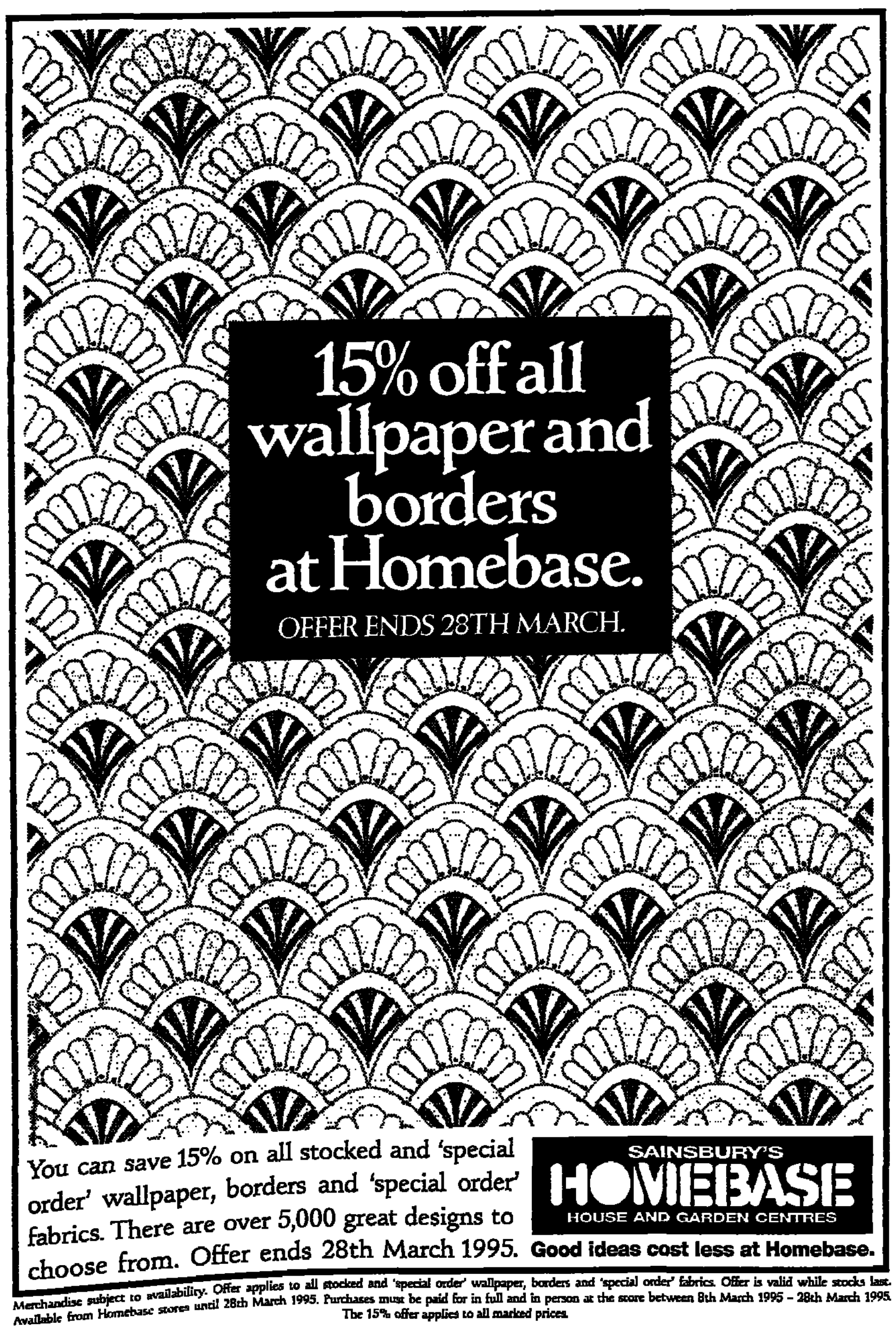
Although the wording of Mr Blair's proposed clause, which is to be put to Labour's national executive on Monday, has still to be finalised, he is expected to outline the principles behind it in his speech today.

He will talk of the need for a country where "individuals flourish, where rights and responsibility are recognised, and where power wealth and opportunity are in the hands of the man and not the few". He will make clear that the new clause will back a strong private sector and a strong public sector in a mixed economy that serves the public interest. He will warn delegates, however, that there is no question of just adding to the present words of Clause Four. "Simply adding to Clause Four will be a cop-out," he will say. "If people really believe they want to keep Clause Four then let them argue their case."

Last night the two camps — for and against change — were doing their utmost to gather last-minute support. The left-wing MP Tony Benn addressed a rally to convince delegates to retain Clause Four, while Glenda Jackson held a fringe meeting to argue the opposite case.

Mr Blair arrived with his entourage late last night. He will not address the conference until 2.30pm today, leaving him plenty of time to twist the arms of wavering delegates.

Immediately after his speech, the conference will be asked to vote on the Clause Four resolution. Last night Jack McConnell, the Scottish General Secretary, described the vote as too close to call.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Prosecutor says 'third force' ordered bomber to disrupt elections

Police informer admits bombings in Johannesburg

From Michael Hamlyn in Johannesburg

THE man who built the bomb which exploded in the centre of Johannesburg last year, killing nine people and injuring many others, including Simon Walker, a photographer with *The Times*, was revealed yesterday to be a police informer.

Jacob Koekemoer was accused by defence counsel in a Johannesburg trial of being a "third force" operative, who was ordered by his controllers to disrupt last year's elections and smear the name of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB).

Mr Koekemoer is the prosecution's star witness at the trial of 26 members of the AWB, including members of its élite Iron Guard. They are accused of 20 counts of murder and 46 of attempted murder.

Yesterday Mr Koekemoer was pressed by one of the team of defence advocates, Louisa van der Walt, who constantly wanted to know how Mr Koekemoer could work for the police and at the same time assemble enormous bombs, some with more than 100 kilos of explosive, which he knew would kill innocent people.

Why, she asked him a number of times, did he not tell the police what he was doing? He had worked for the police for two years, and furthermore the bombs could not have been made without his expertise, Mrs van der Walt insisted.

Mr Koekemoer maintained that he was in fear of his life. He explained that all the conspirators were on an isolated farm north of Pretoria, and he had been told that if he left he would be shot. He did not dare telephone the police because the only phones available were on party lines and the AWB men often eavesdropped on calls. He believed that if he refused to build the bombs he would have been killed.

Occasionally Mr Koekemoer appealed to the judge to protect him from Mrs van der Walt's attacks, but Mr Justice Flemming gave him no satisfaction.

"If the advocate had been in my shoes," Mr Koekemoer implored the judge, "how would she have felt? It was my life or another person's life."

The judge retorted: "Not one other person, but another 20 or 100 other people. Answer the question."

"Why," insisted Mrs van der Walt, dangling her reading glasses and leaning towards the witness box in eager anticipation, "did you not tell them you had to go to work, and simply walk away?"

Walker: Times man was injured in blast

Mr Koekemoer replied with a smile: "At that time I did not have a job."

Later, he strenuously denied that he deliberately failed to inform the police of the planned terror campaign because he had been ordered to follow through by a "third force".

The first bomb to go off exploded in Bree St in the centre of Johannesburg. Among those wounded was Mr Walker, who was in South Africa to cover the election. He was badly hurt and spent some time in hospital and later received trauma counselling.

"That bomb was terrible," said Mrs van der Walt. "You built that bomb; you saw the damage it caused; you saw the dead and injured people. You did not share the Iron Guard ideals; you were a police informer, but you were not prepared to risk telephoning the criminal intelligence service to prevent further deaths. Your safety was more important."

Then, in an apparent change of tack, she said: "You built the bombs because you were ordered to make the AWB's name mud; you were ordered to create chaos, to sow a fear psychosis and disrupt the elections."

"No," protested Mr Koekemoer. "If they were prepared to kill all those innocent people what would they have done to me if they had found out that I was an informer?" The trial is continuing.

Police clear away bystanders after the Johannesburg bomb which killed nine

☐ **Meeting agreed:** Winnie Mandela, the President's estranged wife, has finally agreed to meet Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, thus ending a tense stand-off in which she pointedly defied both her husband and Mr Mbeki. The meeting will take place today in Pretoria.

Ricky Naidoo, a spokesman for Mr Mbeki, said that the Deputy President wrote to Mrs Mandela after she failed to attend two scheduled meetings earlier this week.

"The Deputy President sent a letter to her and said it was in the interest of the whole country they should meet to resolve the issue," he added.

Today's meeting will focus on Mrs Mandela's visit to West Africa in defiance of her husband's ban on her leaving the country. It will not deal with allegations of corruption in housing deals, which would have to wait until police had completed their investigations, said a spokesman for Mr Mbeki.

US offers reward of $2m to find Karachi killers

From Christopher Thomas in Karachi

AMERICA last night offered a reward of $2 million (£1.2 million) for information about the killers of two American diplomats who were shot in Karachi on Wednesday. It emerged yesterday that a police vehicle equipped with a machinegun watched the killers escape rather than risk confrontation.

A yellow taxi used by the assassins was found abandoned near a police station. It had been stolen 50 minutes before the attack, the motive for which is still unclear.

John Monjo, the US Ambassador to Pakistan, announced the reward at a press conference in Karachi. He said agents from the FBI were on their way to help Pakistani authorities to gather evidence for possible prosecution in the United States.

"The terrorist murder of Americans overseas is also a crime under American law and the US Government is empowered to pursue the perpetrators and bring them to justice," he said. Mr Monjo rejected suggestions that the diplomats were inadequately protected.

"There is no such thing as perfect security for anyone in this world when determined and violent individuals set out to kill and terrorise. The rest of us can offer only courage as we go about our lives and work."

Few killers in Pakistan's lawless commercial capital are ever caught, and the FBI will be hard-pressed to penetrate the complex ethnic and sectarian loyalties that will surround and protect the assassins. Thousands of Pakistani intelligence operatives have failed to expose even one of the many terrorist groups operating in Karachi.

It is by no means certain that the killers are Pakistani. For all its public condemnation of Islamic extremists, the country shelters many radical Islamic groups from around the world. The Pakistani driver of the van in which the American diplomats were travelling said he believed the killers were Pakistani. This does not rule out the possiblity that they were working for a foreign group.

Tanvir Ahmed, a traffic constable, said that as the Americans were being shot, a police vehicle with a machinegun on the roof arrived. He pointed out the yellow getaway cab, but police told him: "Stupid, shall we get killed by chasing these people?"

"The policemen were so unconcerned they did not even bother to look in the direction of the getaway car. With a little courage, they could have got to the terrorists," the constable said.

Karachi has 20,000 policemen and 15,000 paramilitary forces whose combined might has failed to halt the city's slide into chaos. There has been a political vacuum in the city since 1992, when the municipal corporation was wound up following the army's deployment on the streets. The military pulled out late last year.

The Pakistan People's Party, headed by Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, has refused to hold elections for a new city authority, aware that it would almost certainly lose. The absence of representative government has led to the virtual collapse of civic services, which has bred resentment and fed an atmosphere of crisis.

America has often sent investigators to study terrorism. It did so after the US Embassy in Islamabad was destroyed in an arson attack in 1979; in 1985 after the hijacking of a Pan Am aircraft in Karachi in which 21 people died, and two years ago to find Aimal Kansi, who killed two CIA officials outside CIA headquarters near Washington. They visited recently in connection with the World Trade Centre bombing.

Gingrich delays vote on congress terms

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

ONE week after the Senate defeated the balanced budget amendment the second centrepiece of the Republicans' *Contract with America* has run into trouble.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, has been forced to postpone next week's vote on a constitutional amendment limiting how long congressmen may serve because it stood no chance of approval.

Richard Armey, the Republican House leader, is promising an aggressive drive over the next three weeks to rally support for the Bill, but leading term-limit advocates are accusing the Republicans of "betrayal" and "desertion".

The Republicans' promise to limit congressional terms was the most popular they made during last autumn's campaign. It exemplified their commitment to tear down the old "imperial Congress" that had lost touch with the people and bring back "citizen legislators".

In office, the Republicans' enthusiasm for the measure has rapidly waned. There is a consensus that senators should be limited to two six-year terms, but no agreement on how long Representatives should be allowed to serve. Some Republicans, mostly the newcomers, are holding out for three two-year terms, which is what most Americans want. Mr Gingrich, who has already served 16 years, heads a group that favours six two-year terms. Some believe the states should be allowed to set their own limits, and others oppose any limits at all. The House Judiciary Committee approved a 12-year limit with congressmen able to serve another 12 years after a two-year break.

As a constitutional amendment, the measure needs two-thirds support in the House and the Senate, but Mr Gingrich is at least 60 votes short of the required 290 in the House. The "Republican Revolution" is hitting rough water on other fronts as well. House Republicans yesterday unveiled details of their promised middle-class tax cuts, but leading Republican senators suggested they had no intention of approving them. The Republicans are also in danger of losing the public relations battle. Democrats are seizing on measures to help corporate America and proposed cuts in programmes for the poor, including school lunches, to paint the Republicans as heartless. Exhausted by the demands of their 100-day legislative agenda, Republicans admit they have done a poor job of presentation.

A *Wall Street Journal* poll yesterday showed just 27 per cent support for Mr Gingrich, 45 per cent for President Clinton, and 51 per cent for Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader who is seen as a brake on Mr Gingrich's wilder schemes. Despite their setbacks, House Republicans are pressing ahead with other measures in their contract. This week they have overwhelmingly improved legal reforms designed to crack down on frivolous lawsuits against companies, and three committees approved the most far-reaching reform of the welfare system in 50 years, ready for a full House vote later this month.

Mr Clinton quietly signed an executive order on Wednesday banning government contracts with firms that hire replacement workers during strikes. This was a blatant attempt to shore up his trade union support, and the Republicans immediately vowed to fight it.

Diary debunks hero of the Alamo

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

AMERICA'S most beloved frontiersman died not as a rifle-wielding hero but as a moaning prisoner, according to a professor whose heresies challenge the legend of Davy Crockett.

The King of the Wild Frontier (crowned thus by Walt Disney in 1955) is believed by most Americans to have died bludgeoning Mexican insurgents to death with his rifle butt at the Battle of the Alamo in Texas. In fact he survived the battle only to be executed on the orders of the Mexican dictator, insists Professor James Crisp of North Carolina State University.

Crockett's supposed fate on the steps of San Antonio's Alamo hospice in 1836 is for many a sacred symbol of America's so-called "manifest destiny" to expand westwards in the 19th century. It also fuelled a Crockett craze in the 1950s, exploited most successfully by Walt Disney's television series and the makers of millions of Crockett-style coonskin caps with furry tails.

But the diary of a senior Mexican officer who witnessed the executions of Crockett and six other survivors soon after the battle is authentic and calls for history to be rewritten, Professor Crisp says.

When the diary, by Lieutenant-Colonel José Enrique de la Pena, was first translated into English in 1975, it was dismissed as a hoax.

But Professor Crisp says previously untranslated sections of the diary and an obscure pamphlet in Yale University's archives will authenticate it once and for all. "If it is a forgery it is a masterpiece of forgery," he added.

Professor Crisp points out that unless the pamphlet is itself a fake — an unlikely proposition as it was donated to the Yale archives long before the Crockett fad began and has never before been cited in connection with his death — the diary is almost certainly genuine.

The professor knows his findings will dismay die-hard believers in the Crockett legend, including scores of living Crocketts who gathered at the Alamo shrine on Monday for the battle's 159th anniversary.

"Let's face it," he says, "the Disney version of Davy Crockett swinging his rifle, Old Betsy, in the last moments of his life is a lot more heroic than being executed."

Crockett: King of Wild Frontier was 'imprisoned and executed'

Software 'nigger' prompts lawsuit

From Ben Macintyre in New York

A BLACK man who did a search for the word "nigger" in a computerised encyclopaedia and found six references has sued the makers of the computer software for $40 million (£27 million), claiming the racist epithet caused him and his sons severe emotional distress.

Compton's Newmedia, the California-based manufacturer of the CD-ROM encyclopaedia, maintains that all the references to the word "nigger" are literary or historical, and has dismissed the suit as "just plain silly".

Thomas Wallace of Omaha, Nebraska, says he inadvertantly typed the word "nigger" while searching for information on the Niger River to help his son with his homework. After his first suit against the software company was dismissed by a Nebraska court last December Mr Wallace, who is vice-president of minority business affairs for an Omaha construction company, filed another this week in Los Angeles federal court. The complaint names the Tribune Company of Chicago, Compton's parent company, and the shop where the computer programme was purchased. Tribune said the complaint was "without merit".

Gangs and zealots tear city apart

By Christopher Thomas

THE near-collapse of Karachi, where killings continued yesterday, has confronted Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani Prime Minister, with the failure of the greatest opportunity for democracy in the country's history. Only the army, it seems, can halt the city's disintegration, and she is determined not to call them in.

The assassination of the American diplomats has exposed the depth of decay in the nation's commercial capital, a battleground for religious and ethnic feuds as well as the front line of turf wars between rival crime syndicates.

The city seems on the edge of anarchy: after dark, the crack of gunfire is common. The targeting of foreigners could shatter hopes of attracting foreign investment, which has started to flow out faster than it is flowing in. The stockmarket is reeling from the impact of the assassinations, further weakening a broken economy. More than 5 billion rupees (£102 million) was wiped off the value of shares in the Karachi stock exchange within hours of Wednesday's killings.

Religion is tearing Karachi apart. Sunnis, whose religious schools — sometimes described as schools of fundamentalism — are financed by Saudi Arabia and others, are battling with Iranian-backed Shia factions. Shias form 20 per cent of the population.

Bhutto: decidedly soft in dealing with crisis

Both sides are attacking each others' mosques and carrying out a dozen or more murders a day. If the glue of Islam comes apart, Pakistan could split into a mosaic of tribal, ethnic, feudal and sectarian conflicts.

Miss Bhutto came to power in late 1993 with a solid parliamentary majority in the country's fairest, most honest and least violent election. Now there is despair about Pakistan's democratic experiment. Karachi's police are mostly corrupt, as are many of the lower level judiciary.

The city is also torn by hatred between native Sindhis and Mohajir immigrants from India. Miss Bhutto has been decidedly soft in dealing with the crisis. She has now ordered the arrest of some violent religious fanatics in the improbable expectation that she can improve her image for a visit to the United States next month.

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Hogg cancels PLO visit but fails to appease Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BRITAIN yesterday backed down in the face of Israeli resistance to a ministerial visit to Orient House, the Jerusalem headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office Minister of State who was due to accompany John Major on a trip to Israel, cancelled his tour, saying that he would be needed in London.

Britain, however, still faces a diplomatic showdown next week by persisting with plans to send a senior Foreign Office official to visit the PLO headquarters in annexed east Jerusalem despite Israeli protests.

Israeli officials had hoped that the clash over the status of Jerusalem, claimed by Israelis and Palestinians as their capital, would be avoided after a last-minute announcement that Mr Hogg had cancelled his plans.

A senior Israeli Foreign Ministry official who announced Mr Hogg's cancellation due to "a heavy workload" in the absence of Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, from London, said that Britain had been told that any visit to Orient House would be in breach of the Israeli-PLO peace accord. Relief in Israeli circles at Mr Hogg's cancellation lasted only a few hours before the announcement from London that Andrew Green, Under Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs and former Ambassador to Syria, would make the call instead. Orient House is the recently refurbished headquarters of Faisal Husseini, the senior PLO representative in Jerusalem.

Israeli officials emphasised that the compromise used last month by three European Union foreign ministers to call their talks at Orient House a "a courtesy visit" would not be accepted this time. Israel claims that all political matters between diplomats and the Palestinian authority can only be discussed in Gaza or Jericho.

Despite the inevitable Israeli protests — and possible right-wing demonstrations — when Mr Green pays his call, some of the sting has been taken out of the controversy because he is an official rather than a minister. Protests at the visit will also come from Ehud Olmert, the right-wing Mayor of Jerusalem.

Israeli anger at the PLO visit has been increased because Mr Major is due to spend most of Tuesday in Gaza, where he will meet Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, and is due to see Mr Husseini at a reception at the British Consulate-General in east Jerusalem. "Surely that should be enough opportunity for talks with the Palestinians," an Israeli official said.

Britain's decision comes at a time when the Israeli Government is under right-wing pressure to close Orient House. East Jerusalem was annexed by Israel after its conquest from Jordan in the 1967 war. Privately, British sources say that not sending a representative to Orient House would involve Britain falling out of line with its EU partners over the highly sensitive Jerusalem issue.

The British Board of Deputies, representing 300,000 Jews, wrote this week to Mr Major to protest at the planned visit to Orient House (Arthur Leathley writes). The board said last night: "The board wants the Prime Minister's visit to be a success and feels that a visit to Orient House would be controversial. It would be unfortunate if this visit was overshadowed." It is understood that members of Conservative Friends of Israel, the Tory party's largest grouping of backbench MPs, also voiced opposition to the visit to the PLO Jerusalem headquarters by a minister

Despite the controversy, Israel last night laid emphasis on the economic aspect of Mr Major's visit. The seniority of the 29 British industrialists accompanying him was seen as a breakthrough resulting from the peace process.

"The fact that so many are coming is a sign that the Arab boycott is a thing of the past," said Moshe Raviv, the Israeli Ambassador in London, who described Mr Major's decision to follow the precedent set by Margaret Thatcher, who became the first Prime Minister to visit in 1986, as the "natural outcome" of recent improvements in Anglo-Israeli ties.

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JOHN MANNING

Douglas Hogg, who was to have accompanied Mr Major to Israel, blamed a heavy workload for the cancellation

Peace plan progress

Jerusalem: A target date of July 1 was yesterday set for completing the long-delayed second stage of the Middle East peace process (Christopher Walker writes). Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, claimed "significant progress" over the plans, to include Israeli military redeployment from Arab population centres in the occupied West Bank. But after 90 minutes of talks on the border between Israel and Gaza, independent observers said many obstacles still lay in the path of the redeployment, which is strongly opposed by many Israelis and some senior army officers.

The two leaders also agreed that more Palestinian workers would be allowed into Israel and that negotiations over the release of Palestinian prisoners, which were halted after the suicide bomb that killed 21 Jews on January 22, would be resumed.

Clashes break out in Kabul enclave

Kabul: Sporadic fighting broke out yesterday as Afghanistan's Taleban student militia clashed with forces loyal to President Rabbani in southwest Kabul.

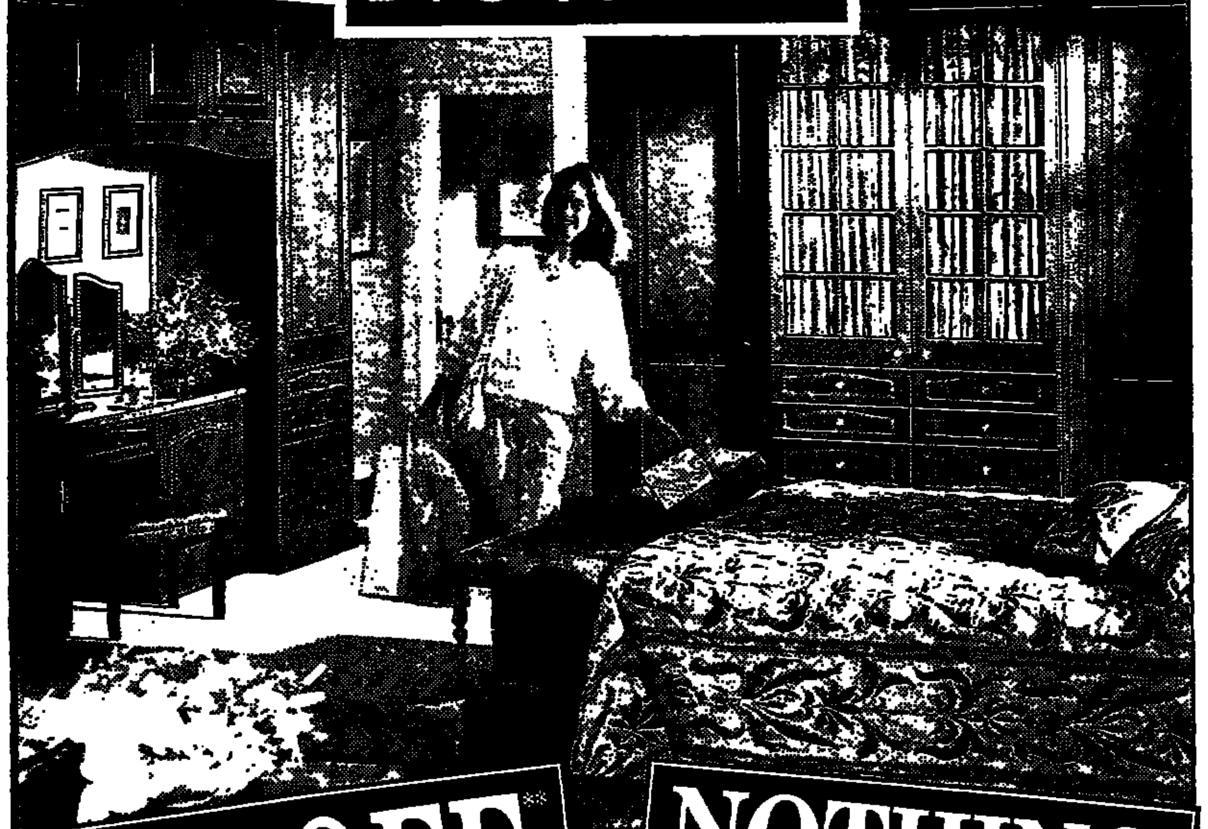
The fighting, particularly fierce south of Dehmazang Square, a strategic area controlled by government troops, came as the Taleban moved into positions in the southwest of the city vacated by the Shia Hezb-i-Wahdat, the President's rivals.

Palace officials said 38 Taleban fighters had been captured and some 20 killed, although this could not be confirmed independently.

The prisoners later said that the student forces had not come to the capital to fight with pro-Rabbani troops, but had been tricked by the Wahdat into passing well beyond their front lines and into the fray with government forces.

The Taleban, a relatively new Islamic movement, reached the edge of Kabul after a succession of victories against various factions fighting in Afghanistan and have pledged to take the capital and establish Islamic law across the country.

Pro-Wahdat and Rabbani forces have been locked in bitter fighting this week that left more than 70 dead and at least 865 wounded, according to hospital sources in the Afghan capital. *(AFP)*



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Kohl ally exhorts Britain to be at heart of Europe

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

WOLFGANG SCHAUBLE, Germany's most influential behind-the-scenes thinker on Europe, has plunged into the British debate about the future of the European Union by urging greater powers for the Strasbourg parliament and a restricted role for national assemblies.

Britain, he said, should overcome its fears of losing sovereignty and become fully involved in shaping the new Union.

Europe, in order to conquer scepticism and indifference, had to become more decisive. "That means scrapping the veto," Herr Schäuble said, adding that the Spanish threat to block enlargement because of fishing rights, the Greek obstacles to Turkish membership of a European customs union, "all show that the veto can be used as an irrational instrument".

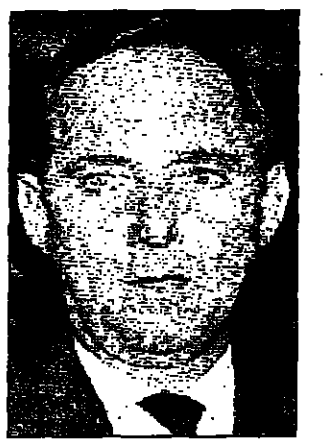
Herr Schäuble is parliamentary floor leader of the ruling Christian Democrats, the right-hand man to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and perhaps even his future successor. He sparked a Europe-wide debate last autumn with a strategy paper calling for a "hard core" of European states committed to, and capable of, deeper European integration.

In a speech to the British Chamber of Commerce in Cologne, Herr Schäuble made it clear that he had not intended to sideline Britain. For its own sake, he said, Britain should be involved from the very start in European monetary union and in moulding joint foreign and security policies.

"The decision to take its place in the heart of Europe can only be taken by the United Kingdom itself. But the British should know this — you are in the centre of our hearts," he said.

One of the audience of businessmen and diplomats later described the speech as "a rather sticky embrace". But Herr Schäuble's ideas on the nature of European institutional reform are clearly at variance with those of the British, and seem sure to stir the emotions of the Eurosceptics.

"I do not think much of proposals to set up a collective first chamber of national parliaments," he said. "Member states participating in a two-chamber system must be represented by governments rather than parliaments. The connection between the European parliament and national parliaments should and could be strengthened — perhaps through regular institutional meetings or through double membership, with European parliamentarians sitting in national chambers and vice versa."



Schäuble: veto can be irrational instrument

Promoting national parliaments at the expense of Brussels would merely paralyse European decision-making, he warned. "Those who want this do not want European integration. They want something else."

There was no doubt in Herr Schäuble's mind that the powers of the European parliament had to be boosted. "We should give it the power of co-decision in all areas of European legislation, and the parliament should be given full powers to initiate legislation. I know the objections to this — but in my conception of European statehood, parliamentary legitimacy is an essential part of European decision-making."

Endowing the European parliament with more authority and raising its profile will "do more than feed the vanity of its deputies — it will improve control, responsibility, and discipline, and thus restore some of the public's trust in Europe . . .

"More than anything, we need decisiveness, and that can only be reached through the search for sensible majority." The threshold of these majorities should be high and could be of different heights in different areas. "In cases of doubt, majorities in Europe *should be double* majorities — that is representing the majority of the population of the *Union, and the majority of* member states. And these majorities should be significantly over 50 per cent because the pressure to gain greater majorities — for example, two-*thirds — helps to* create a large degree of consensus."

Herr Schäuble argued in his speech on *Wednesday night* that the notions of sovereignty and balance of power were out-dated. The artificial boundaries of internal and external security were being rapidly eroded.

"Domestic and justice affairs are the classic preserve of the nation state. But intergovernmental co-operation is no longer sufficient to cope with organised crime, nuclear smuggling, the drugs mafia, and the huge problem of *international* migration," he said.

A new European security constellation should therefore involve much closer co-operation. There was no alternative to some form of *shared* sovereignty.

Herr Schäuble admitted that Europe had not always played fair with Britain. "Sometimes in Continental Europe, we have developed concepts and then presented them as accomplished facts to the United Kingdom."

An elderly man shouts at riot police **outside the home of Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister,** *during protests over pensions in Athens yesterday. Seven pensioners* **were slightly injured after tear gas** *was used to disperse them near the* **presidential palace, where politicians** *and journalists had gathered to bid* **farewell to President Karamanlis, who resigned yesterday. Police feared** *the pensioners might enter the palace.* **They claimed the crowd hurled rocks** *at a line of riot police. The seven* **pensioners were treated for respiratory problems. Mr Evangelos** *Venizelo, a government spokesman,* **expressed sadness over the incident and said the Ministry of Public Order had started an investigation into the actions of the police. He said that Mr Papandreou had agreed to meet soon with a pensioners' degelation. The** *minimum pension* **after 30 years of employment is 60,000 drachma (about £165) a month. (*AP,AFP*)**

Tear gas used on Greek pensioners

Karamanlis resigns to avert the threat of early elections

Karamanlis: departure marks the end of an era

FROM REUTER IN ATHENS

PRESIDENT Karamanlis handed in his resignation to the Greek *Parliament* yesterday, ending a 60-year political career and clearing the way for the President-elect, Costis Stephanopoulos.

Mr Karamanlis's letter of resignation was delivered to the office of the parliament's president, Apostolos Kaklamanis, and makes it possible for the new president to be sworn in today. The veteran politician, 88, offered to stand down early if parliament elected a new state president, which it did on Wednesday night. His five-year term was due to end on May 5.

The Socialist-controlled parliament elected a compromise candidate in Mr Stephanopoulos, a veteran centre-right politician. Backed by the ruling Socialists and a small *nationalist party, he received* 181 votes. National elections would have been forced if he had failed to muster at least 180 votes.

Respected across the political spectrum, Mr Stephanopoulos 68, is expected to be more outspoken on foreign and domestic issues than his predecessors in the largely ceremonial post.

Mr Karamanlis's departure marks the end of an era. He was one of the major Greek political figures of this century, perhaps best known abroad for returning home in July 1974 to oversee the restoration of democracy after a seven-year military dictatorship collapsed.

Berlusconi enters poll pact with Fini party

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE *future of the Italian* Popular Party (PPI), the former Christian Democrats, *was thrown into doubt yester*day after Rocco Buttiglione, its secretary, mediated an unholy *electoral alliance with Silvio* Berlusconi, the former Prime Minister, and Gianfranco Fini, the "post-Fascist" leader.

Signor Berlusconi welcomed the agreement last night, but the pact has to be ratified by the PPI's national council at a meeting tomorrow. Approval is by no means certain.

Left-wing opponents of Signor Buttiglione within the party, led by Beniamino Andreatta, the former Foreign Minister, and Rosy Bindi, party leader in the Roman Catholic heartland of the Veneto region, are opposed to an *alliance with Signor Fini's* National Alliance, the former neo-Fascist Italian Social *Movement, and* will try to remove Signor Buttiglione from the leadership. "*Buttiglione has decided in* effect to abandon the party," Signora Bindi said. "After his embrace with the Right, his departure is the only way to save the party he wants to *kill.*"

If Signor Buttiglione's critics fail they may leave the party, which changed its name in an attempt to survive after previous leaders were swept away in corruption scandals. The party could be effectively wiped out as a political force if there is a split over which party to support in regional elections next month and a general election later this year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UN aid fed 25m in 1994

Nairobi: The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) *helped to feed a total of* 25 million refugees and displaced people last year, including *19 million women and* children, the agency says. In 1994 the programme supplied *food aid to 8.5 million refugees* and to 16.5 million internally displaced people. Seventy-five *per cent of the total number of* people forced to abandon their homes by war and other civil *conflicts last year were women* and children, the programme officials said. *(AFP)*

Castro's host

Paris: President Mitterrand will *meet Fidel Castro*, the Cuban leader shunned by the West, at the Elysée on Monday. France supports an end to the American embargo on Cuba. *(Reuter)*

Bushwhacked

Sydney: *The United States* has taken the kangaroo off its list of threatened species. Australia's *conservation agency said*, welcoming the move as overdue recognition that the *marsupial is a pest. (Reuter)*

Somali arrival

Mogadishu: An Egyptian ship carrying food, fuel and vehicles has docked at Mogadishu port, the first commercial vessel to arrive since UN troops pulled out last week. *(Reuter)*

Vanuatu fear

Sydney: The South Pacific nation of Vanuatu has made plans to evacuate thousands of villagers from Ambae island after a mountain lake began boiling, raising fears that a dormant volcano could erupt. *(Reuter)*

Smoke screen

Warsaw: Conmen with fake papers got officers at a police base in Wroclaw to help to load 47,000 packs of confiscated cigarettes meant for the prosecutor's office on to a truck, and then drove off. *(Reuter)*

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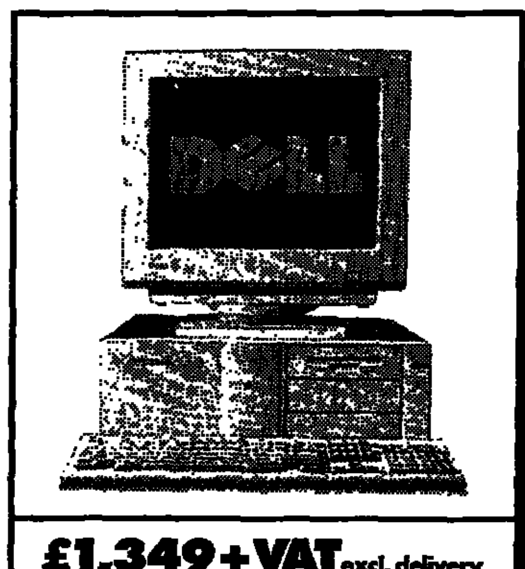

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Croats back down over threat to expel UN troops

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK AND
TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON

Milosevic: courted as potential peacemaker

Karadzic: was aware of concentration camps

CROATIA appears to be backing down from its threat to expel United Nations peacekeepers at the end of March.

Croatia had announced that the 14,000 UN troops on its territory would have to leave at the end of their current mandate on March 31 because of their failure to reintegrate Serb-held areas into the rest of the country.

The Croat decision, initially described as final, raised fears that renewed fighting between the Croats and rebel Croatian Serbs could spark a wider war in the Balkans engulfing not just Bosnia but also Macedonia and Kosovo.

Croatian officials now indicate, however, that they may be willing to accept a continued UN presence of 4,000-6,000 troops with a rewritten mandate that would include policing the international border between Serb-held parts of Croatia and neighbouring Serb-controlled Bosnia.

The apparent shift in position follows heavy pressure from the five Contact Group countries — Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — and a visit to Zagreb this week by Richard Holbrooke, the US Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Balkan policy.

Mario Nobilo, Croatia's UN Ambassador, was quoted on Wednesday night as saying that UN peacekeepers could stay if their remit was redefined. "We need a new mandate," he said.

"We would not object if some of the people who now serve in the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) would then be transferred — because of their experience in the area — to new tasks." Although discussions are continuing, a plan is emerging in which UN troops would remain in Croatia to patrol both the international border and the 700-mile line between the rebel Serbs and Croatian Government forces.

Differences remain over the size of the force and whether they should be unarmed, but all sides agree that any remaining UN presence in Croatia will have to be split off from the rest of Unprofor in Bosnia and Macedonia.

With concern mounting among countries with UN troops in Croatia, the UN secretariat is pushing Zagreb to make its intentions clear. An announcement from the capital is expected soon.

In Washington yesterday a Bosnian embassy official said that a CIA report detailing atrocities in the conflict put paid to the popular argument from the British, French and, to an extent, American governments that this was a civil war where the division of guilt was distributed among the three warring factions.

The report detailing Bosnian Serb atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina was kept secret by the agency to avoid embarrassment to leading Serb politicians involved in the systematic "ethnic cleansing" of the former Yugoslav republic.

The sensitive document, described by one official as classified to "an obscene level", was based on aerial photography.

Although completed earlier this year, its conclusions have been seen as too damaging for publication at a time when the United States and its allies in the Contact Group have been trying to embrace President Milosevic of Serbia as a potential peacemaker.

Not only does the report say that 90 per cent of the "ethnic cleansing" was carried out by Bosnian Serbs but also that leading politicians, such as Mr Milosevic, almost certainly played a role in war crimes and should not be deemed suitable as negotiators for peace.

The CIA refused to comment on any aspect of the report yesterday but intelligence sources who had leaked the analysis told *The New York Times* it had been submitted to the Pentagon, State Department and National Security Council.

The study found no "conclusive evidence" of direct involvement by either Bosnian Serb or Belgrade leaders in the planning of killings, evictions and persecutions of Muslims and Croats in Bosnia. Specific proof was available, however, that members of the leadership, including Radovan Karadzic, were aware of the existence of a series of concentration camps controlled by Bosnian Serbs.

In Geneva, meanwhile, the United Nations Human Rights Commission, debating the longest resolution in its 50-year history has also condemned Serbs throughout the region for atrocities and widespread abuses.

UN halts aid to rebels

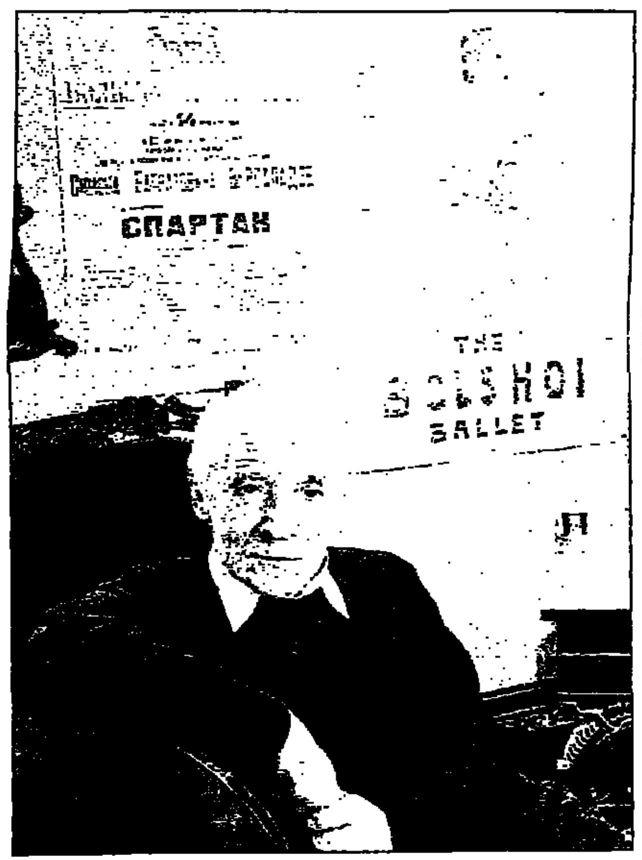
Zagreb: The main United Nations refugee agency yesterday cut off relief supplies to rebel Serbs and Muslims who have been disrupting aid operations.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees said aid for the rebel Serbs in Croatia and their Muslim allies in Bosnia would not resume until they lifted a blockade of the Bihac enclave in northwest Bosnia. The Muslim rebels hold the northern sector of the pocket where they are fighting the Bosnian Army 5th Corps, loyal to the Muslim-led authorities in Sarajevo. They have refused to let convoys cross their lines to reach up to 150,000 civilians trapped in government territory, on the pretext of heavy fighting.

Croatian Serbs have prevented UN convoys from reaching the enclave through their own territory, despite warnings that hundreds of people are on the verge of starvation. *(Reuter)*

Bolshoi director quits after 30 years

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW



Grigorovich: tyrannical rule drove dancers away

YURI GRIGOROVICH, one of the most acclaimed and controversial figures in the world of performing arts, yesterday resigned after more than three decades as head of the Bolshoi Ballet.

After months of bitter feuding with his colleagues and the Russian authorities over plans to reform the ailing theatre, Mr Grigorovich, 68, announced that he was finally stepping down as artistic director of one of Russia's most illustrious institutions.

"I believe it is impossible to continue co-operating with the Bolshoi Theatre," he said yesterday, adding that he would be looking for new work. "My 30-year experience of heading the ballet company does mean something and can be used somewhere either in Russia or the West."

As a tough, uncompromising choreographer Mr Grigorovich was credited with building up the ballet's reputation as one of the greatest dance companies in the world, for which he was rewarded with several Soviet honours. However, over the past decade the ballet has lost many of its most talented dancers, some lured to the West and others forced out by Mr Grigorovich's increasingly tyrannical rule.

His behaviour, combined with widespread criticism of the dropping standards of his productions, led to a furious public row with Vladimir Kokonin, the Bolshoi theatre's overall director. The ballet's last scheduled tour of Britain was cancelled last summer because of poor ticket sales, and Mr Grigorovich's latest production of *Don Quixote* received poors reviews from Moscow's critics, who likened his fate to the hero in Cervantes' novel.

"The Bolshoi can only benefit from Grigorovich's departure," said Gedeminas Taranda, a dancer sacked from the Bolshoi last year by Mr Grigorovich. "I for one would love to perform there again. The Bolshoi is my home."

Alcohol abuse hits Russian economy

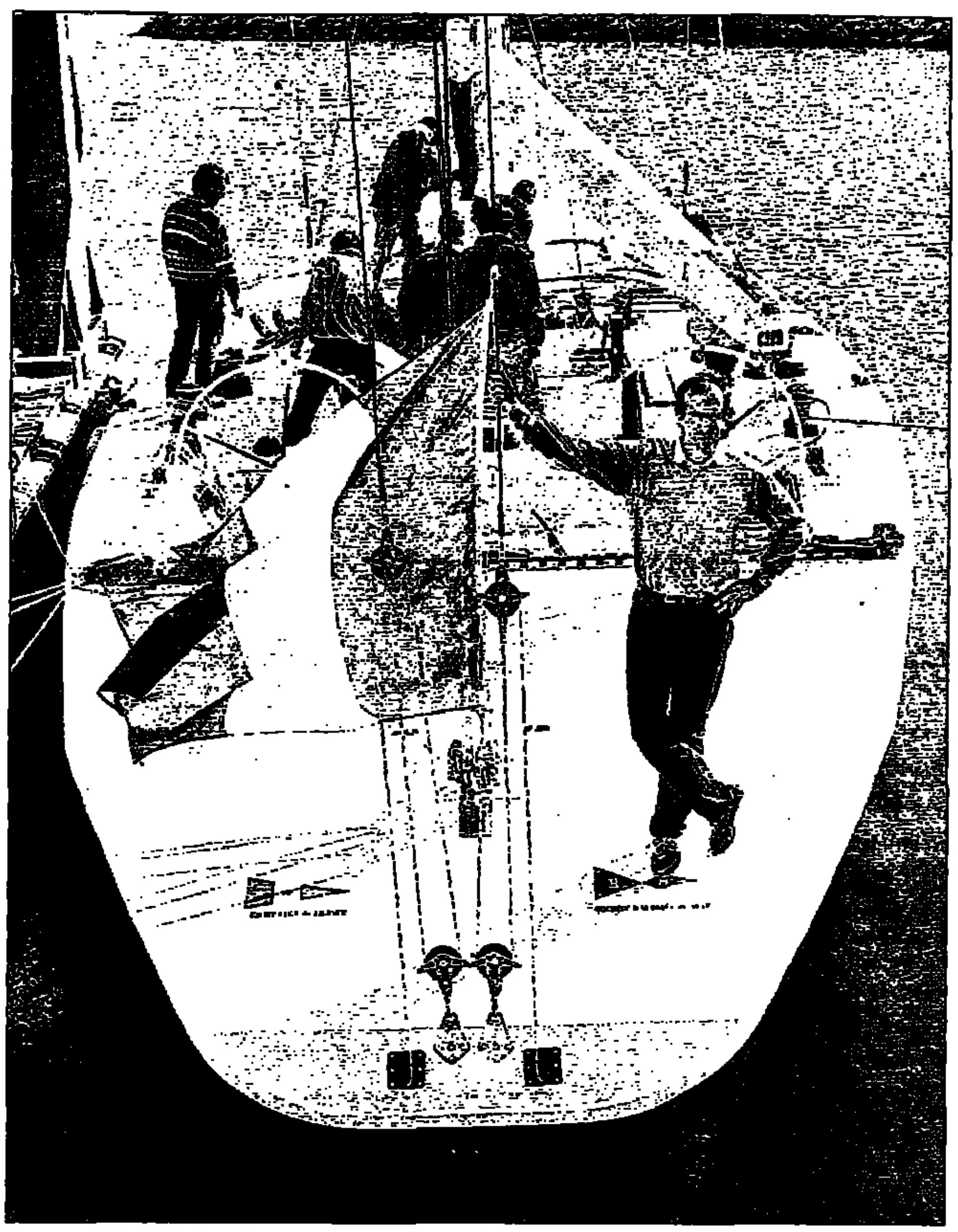
BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES
CORRESPONDENT

RUSSIAN men drink a half-litre bottle of vodka every two days and have a life expectancy of only 59 years, according to official figures.

Russia has now overtaken France at the head of the international league for alcohol consumption, most of it drunk by men. The figures show that alcohol is ravaging the nation's economy. More than a quarter of the labour potential in Russia may now be lost every year as a result of premature deaths among men, caused by alcohol.

Dr Michael Ryan, senior lecturer at the Centre for Russian and East European Studies at the University of Wales, who has analysed the latest figures on alcohol-related deaths, says in tomorrow's *British Medical Journal* that former President Gorbachev's campaign to cut drinking by restricting the availability of alcohol has failed.

The campaign, launched in 1985, cut sales from state-controlled sources from 10.9 litres a head in 1984 to 3.9 litres in 1987. However, consumption of home brew doubled over the same period.


Marc Pajot, the French skipper, who faces a wave of recriminations

France's yachting hero falls from America's Cup pedestal

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

MARC PAJOT, the French skipper who was eliminated this week from the America's Cup, was yesterday accused of squandering millions of pounds of taxpayers' money on a sporting, financial and political fiasco.

Once touted as a national hero, M Pajot's failure was seen at home as a humiliation of epic proportions, prompting a wave of angry recriminations. In spite of a budget that, at 200 million francs (£25 million) was bigger than those of all the other challengers except the Japanese, the French crew lost 16 of their 24 matches in San Diego and found themselves out of the competition at the first hurdle.

Even on the rare occasions he won, M Pajot, 41, could not escape controversy. On Monday, for instance, the French insisted on sailing to victory unopposed after their rival, *oneAustralia*, had sunk in the previous race.

More than the elimination, it was the hype preceeding it that is providing ammunition for M Pajot's critics. "Through the impetus of the Prime Minister (Edouard Balladur), no fewer than five Ministers have directly or indirectly allowed the challenge to take on its true national dimension," his backers said before the competition. The statement was scarcely an exaggeration. More than half the 200 million francs came from public funds made available by M Balladur's Government, according to the magazine *Le Nouvel Economiste*. Some of this money stemmed from a tax break made possible because the challenge was registered in Guadeloupe.

Yet the state did not only provide cash. The publicly owned television channels gave their prestige and their names to M Pajot's two boats, *France 2* and *France 3*. They also agreed to buy the rights to 90 hours of coverage.

M Pajot has also been accused of profiting from the failure. According to *Le Nouvel Economiste*, he has become heavily involved in the companies that designed and made the yachts. "Without doubt, the sponsors did not investigate enough Pajot's surprising past," the magazine wrote in an editorial.

Defending himself on Wednesday, M Pajot said: "We should not be embarrassed. This is a sporting failure. We will have to learn the lessons. The sea has taught me honesty, integrity and respect for myself."

WORLD SUMMARY

Wounded Briton mugged

A BRITISH woman tourist, 74, who was hit in the leg by a ricocheting bullet in the centre of Johannesburg, was robbed by a mugger as she lay bleeding in the street (Michael Hamlyn writes).

The daylight shooting was said by police to have come from African National Congress security guards at their headquarters at Shell House, in Plein St. The guards blamed two nearby policemen. The police arrested the mugger.

The woman, who arrived in South Africa on Monday, was alone at the time of the incident, but police say she has friends in the country. She asked for her identity to be kept secret so she can enjoy the rest of her holiday in peace.

Peking warned of Tibet violence

Delhi: The Dalai Lama denounced China's occupation of Tibet and told Tibetans to prepare for a worldwide referendum to decide on the future course of their struggle against Chinese rule. In a statement released to mark the 36th anniversary of the failed March 10, 1959 revolt in Tibet, he said that Peking's failure to negotiate with him could lead to violence. *(AFP)*

Bernard Levin, page 18

Dutch right wing tops local poll

The Hague: The right-wing Liberals yesterday emerged as The Netherlands' largest political party after scoring big gains in provincial elections. But Frits Bolkestein, the Liberal leader whose party won 27 per cent of the vote, said the result would not affect the composition of the three-party coalition Government that took office last August. *(Reuter)*

Centenarian Romeo missing

Lyons: A centenarian was reported missing by his wife, 97, after he walked out of his home at Oullins near here when she accused him of having mistresses. Said to be a fit man who walks three miles a day, he has not been seen since a row on Sunday. *(AFP)*

Farmer at home on the range fined

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN DHEKELIA SOVEREIGN BASE, CYPRUS

A BRITISH judge and prosecutor were forced to flee through the back exit of a courthouse in Cyprus yesterday to escape a crowd of protesters supporting a Greek Cypriot farmer jailed for growing potatoes on a firing range.

The retreat came as a climax to astonishing scenes in court. The defendant, Chambis Chimonas, refused to recognise the authority of the British sovereign bases court. He lay prostrate at the front of the packed courtroom handcuffed to two police officers and told the judge he was in agony because a policeman had broken his ribs.

Judge Frank Wood, who was unable to see the accused below him, ordered a recess while a British army doctor examined him. The courtroom was emptied and police hung blankets over the windows to allow the farmer, 40, privacy as he remained where he was for the examination, which found his ribs intact.

Mr Chimonas was still on the salmon-coloured carpet when proceedings resumed. These were soon delayed again when his sister burst into sobs, collapsed, and was escorted away by friends.

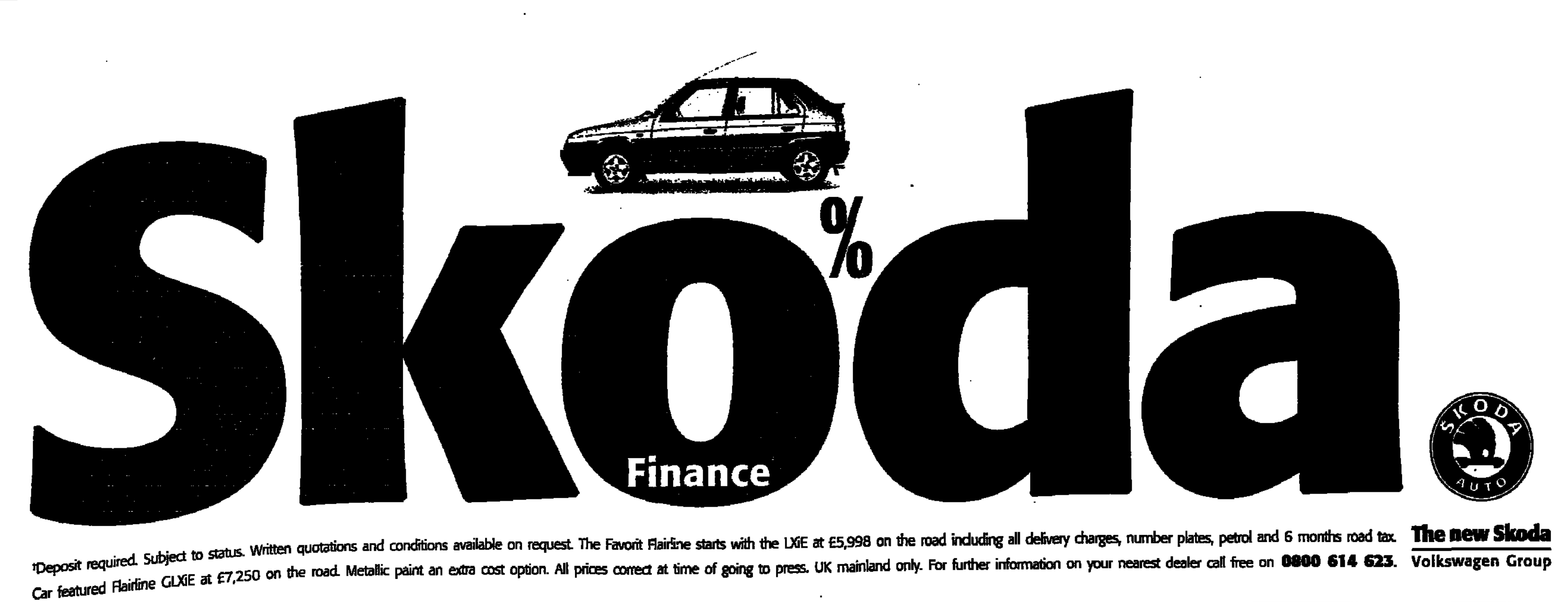
As Peter Visagie, the attorney-general, attempted to outline the case, Mr Chimonas shouted a stream of accusations against police for allegedly stealing his money, shoes and watch. He occasionally called for a "proper" doctor, finally prompting Judge Wood to mutter: "I think we must suspect his mental state." After Mr Visagie complained he could not hear the evidence given by his prosecution witnesses two yards away, the judge ordered that Mr Chimonas be returned to his cell and for the case to continue in his absence. As silence descended, the legal proceedings were rapidly completed.

The farmer was found guilty of refusing to obey the court's order to uproot potatoes he had planted on land used by the British Army as a firing range and sentenced to three months in prison. For "malicious damage" to his cell with part of his iron bedstead, he was ordered to pay £27 or spend seven days in jail, and for ignoring previous fines he was given a further six weeks.

The harshness of the sentences, to run consecutively, stunned the farmer's friends and relatives who were accompanied by several members of a small, anti-bases protest movement waving a Greek flag. As Mr Visagie was being driven away in a police vehicle, a girl aged about eight ran up to the high iron gate and slammed it shut. The vehicle was surrounded by 40 protesters who screamed abuse through the windows, pummelled on the bonnet and fought police.

The judge and prosecutor fled through another entrance in a decoy car. "Look at Great Britain now. The Empire is collapsing," a protester who saw them speeding out of view scoffed.

Protests against the British bases on Cyprus have increased in recent weeks, despite a personal appeal from President Clerides, who had warned his people against alienating London.



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The Rt Rev Derek Rawcliffe on homosexuality, abomination — and double standards from above

'I realised I loved him. I was in real turmoil'

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

It is the morning after the night before, when the bishop outed himself on *Newsnight*. The Rt Rev Derek Rawcliffe, former Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, and now Assistant Bishop of Ripon, is in his detached house on the outskirts of Wetherby. It is the home of his father-in-law, Wing-Commander W.A.R. Speight, born in 1899, who has seen many strange things in his 95 years — he is a veteran flying ace from the First World War, possibly the last surviving man to have flown an FE2b — but nothing quite like this. He sits wedged in an armchair, bemused by the queue of television crews in his dining-room.

"Oh Derek, what have you done to me?" he says benignly, as the bishop darts in and out.

The bishop is a small, slight, pink-cheeked figure of 73, who reminds me of the smiling Mr Wemmick in *Great Expectations* as he fetches tea and cake for me and his *Aged P*. Those who saw his television appearance will have remarked his blithe innocence.

> 'Saint Paul did not understand human nature'

The interview was originally recorded for breakfast television, but was rushed onto *Newsnight* in the wake of Cardinal Hume's statement that while the Catholic Church accepts and condones homosexual affection, it nevertheless condemns its physical expression.

The bishop now sits in his study — with piano in the corner, and shelves lined with Eng Lit texts, poetry and theology — in his episcopal purple, clutching his cross as he talks. Derek Rawcliffe was brought up in Gloucester, the only son of a tobacconist and confectioner. His father, he says, was kind but hard to get to know. His mother — who died only last year, at 98 — took him with her to the Methodist Church. But Derek, a quiet, poetic, literary child ("Oh Derek, don't be so sensitive," was his parents' refrain, as he was so easily moved to tears) was attracted to the music in Gloucester Cathedral, and realised by the age of 17 that he wanted to become a priest.

He was accepted by the theological college at Mirfield and first took a degree in English (a First) at Leeds. He had had, it seems, one homosexual relationship by this time, but took St Paul's words to heart and was steely enough to bring the physical side of it to an end, becoming, he says, closed and shuttered, celibate and repressed: "a hard and judgmental person".

He remained so, he says, for 25 years, during which he went out to the South Pacific as a missionary, working as a teacher and headmaster before being appointed the First Bishop of the New Hebrides.

It was not until he was over 50, that approaches were made to him by a young Melanesian, "and I realised that I loved him very much, and this experience broke down all my defences. I was in a real turmoil about it, and went to my confessor, a fellow priest, and told him what had happened, and he said, 'Oh good, because it means you've got someone to love'.

"And I found that having accepted and come to terms with myself, and having had this encouragement from this priest, it brought about a complete change in my whole outlook. I began to love everybody in a new way, and to see that in spite of our sins and failings, God loves us, and it was the work of the Holy Spirit, and it came about because I had accepted myself as I am."

A few years later, however, Bishop Rawcliffe met his future bride, Susan Speight, at a conference in France. She had been a teacher of ballet and domestic science, but was now confined to a wheelchair with diabetic neuropathy. They wrote to each other, and she had "a miraculous healing" and walked again.

"I said to God, 'Oh God, do you want me to marry her?' and I did propose to her, and we got married, and I was thinking, 'right, now I am no longer gay'. Sue was very much the only woman I have ever been attracted to, before or since. We had a very loving relationship."

She was 36, and dazzingly pretty; he was 56. He is glad they had no children — although she wanted to — because she had such a short time to live. They came home from the Pacific and he was appointed Bishop of Glasgow in 1981. Susan died, after a cardiac arrest, in 1987, at the age of 48. He never told her about his past; but he feels sure that if she had, she would have accepted it.

It was after he retired in 1991, and came to live in Leeds, that he decided to come out. "I made new friends," he says, "and I came to the realisation once again that I was always attracted to men."

One of the first signs was that he gave up his collection of coins: "I realised that numismatics had been a sort of substitute for something, and I just lost interest in coins. I wanted to do something to help the cause, so I became a member of LGCM (the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement) which has an open list of members, and my name is on that list.

"Perhaps 'helping the cause' is too grandiose a way of putting it, but I wanted to be associated with other gay people, and to be of help to them, and to give support, and to receive it.

"I suppose really," he says very softly, "it was to associate with people of one's own kind."

So it came about that the former bishop went public, when asked, and said to an audience of millions what oft was thought, and suspected, but ne'er so blatantly expressed, and ne'er by one so high up the hierarchy of the church.

"The priesthood as a whole is a haven — no, an attraction, for gay men. Gay men, on the whole, are more gentle and sensitive, and these are attributes that ought to belong to the priesthood. "Though some," he adds, "can be awful bitches."

> 'Some gay men can be awful bitches'

Another telephone call — the telephone never stops — sets up a wild barking in the bishop's blind old dog Kim. The house, bizarrely called Kitkatts (apparently named by a previous owner, who had been a member of the Kit Kat Club in London, though the bishop reminds me that the 18th-century Whigs' Kit-Cat Club met at the home of a pastrycook named Christopher Katt who called his mutton pies Kit-cats), can never have been busier. The doorbell too rings constantly. The local policeman calls to tell the bishop that if he has any trouble from "these television people" he should let him know.

A messenger comes with a fax offering to fly him down to appear on *Kilroy*, a programme of which the bishop has never heard, promising "a sensible discussion". And the Vicar of Wetherby calls to make a pastoral visit to the old man, in case he is upset by all the kerfuffle.

But the Aged P, known as Bill, still sits imperturbably in his armchair, listening to hymns ("Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways . . .") "Who's he talking to now?" Bill mutters, as the telephone rings again. Bill does not share his son-in-law's views. "But we've lived together for four years," says Dr Rawcliffe, "with never a cross word."

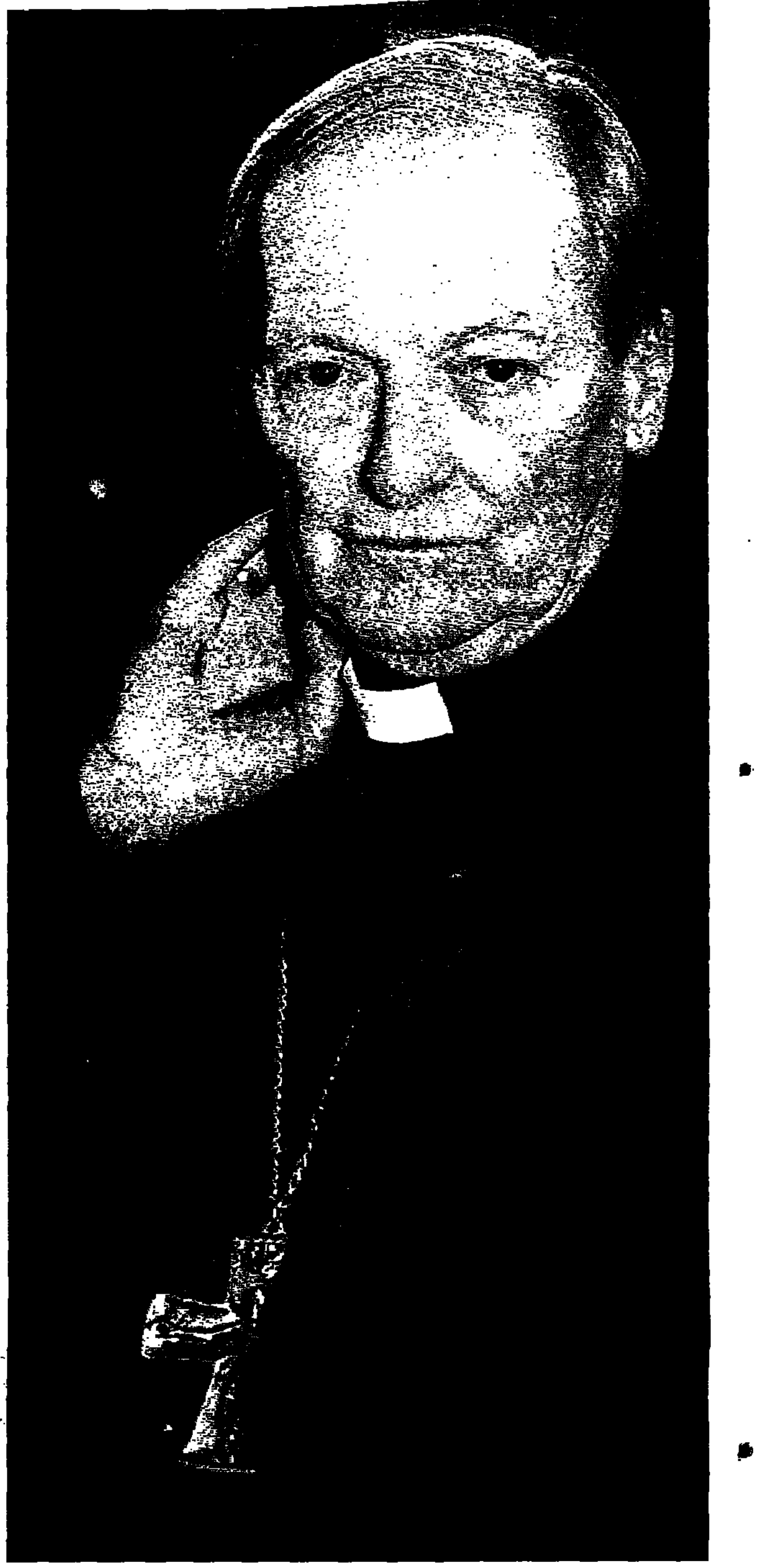
The night before, the Bishop of Ripon himself called at the house. "He rather assumed I was just going to go along with what Cardinal Hume had said. And I said I was not, because although what Cardinal Hume said was very courageous, and he is a very fine and spiritual man, he is suggesting a double standard. The Anglican church got rid of the celibacy law at the time of the Reformation, so why do our bishops want to bring it back now, for gay clergy? There was no rebuke; but the Bishop wanted to be reassured that I was not going to say I was currently in a gay partnership."

And is he? "Well, I don't want to say," said the bishop, with his toothy smile. What he will say is that he now believes it to be "false and cruel" for the Church of England to allow heterosexual priests to marry, but to expect homosexual priests to live, or pretend to live, celibately, repressing their true inclinations as he once did; and that he wishes the Church would come round to the idea of blessing homosexual partnerships. "The Church has got to come to an acceptance. It is not something we choose, after all. I increasingly believe it must be something biological as well as psychological in us."

To see how riven with theological confusion the whole question is one had only to watch *Kilroy* yesterday morning, when the prancing, odiously smirking interlocutor ("Come on, Father, tell me what I ought to think about gay priests, Father.") had gathered clerics and congregations of all persuasions — the Bishop of Crediton was there, and also Peter Tatchell of Outrage — to hurl biblical texts at one another, re-interpreting them according to personal preference.

(The bishop is certain that since the law of Moses is no longer binding on Christians, we should ignore Hebrew texts such as Leviticus 18:22 which calls lying with mankind "an abomination". "It calls women in trousers 'an abomination' too." He is equally certain that St Paul believed that all men are heterosexual and simply did not understand human nature.)

JAMIE WISEMAN



Rawcliffe: gay men's sensitivity and gentleness, he says, is well suited to the priesthood

The invited clergy smiled beatifically, faced with the hopeless dilemma no Church seems able to cope with, as it bangs on about love but goes all to pieces over sex. It made one believe in divine mischief.

We did not need the Outrage demonstration at the consecration of the new Bishop of Durham to tell us that both the Anglican and the Roman Catholic church are riddled with homosexuals, practising or not, throughout their hierarchies: the late Dr Mervyn Stockwood was quite casually outed on Wednesday morning, the day of his memorial service, on the *Today* programme. But did we need to know, and does it matter anyway, when the sexual orientation of clerics does not necessarily affect whatever their spiritual value is to the community?

I am sure Dr Rawcliffe was a good missionary, a good teacher and a good bishop; he is undoubtedly a man with an ineffable sweetness of nature. And how different his life might have been, if all this had happened 50 years ago.

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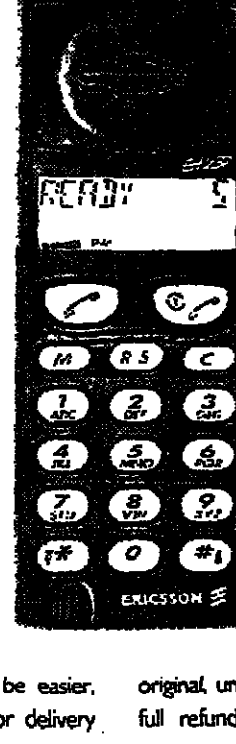
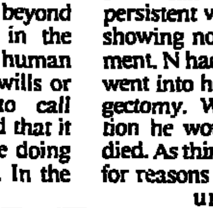


Who should decide the fate of those neither dead nor alive?

My death free from lawyers



MARGOT NORMAN

> Is there a right to choose physical care?

I have been somewhat preoccupied these past few days, having at last been persuaded to stop procrastinating over making a will. By 11 o'clock tomorrow morning the dithering has to stop: the fate of my aquamarine earrings, the grand piano and the second-best bed will be sealed and — which is the true purpose of the exercise — I shall have done my best to ensure that I depart this life without making work for lawyers. That, surely, is the least a body can do for her nearest and dearest.

If, however, when the time comes I muff my departure and linger on in what the doctors call a "persistent vegetative state" (PVS), or in some other condition which is less than life but more than death, it appears that my heartfelt wish will be thwarted. After watching *Panorama* and listening to *The Moral Maze* this week, and reading the law report on *In re S* (which concerns a wealthy, elderly and incommunicado stroke patient and the differing views held by his wife and mistress as to his proper treatment) in the Court of Appeal, I can see all too clearly that in any such grim scenario the lawyers will be queuing up to torment my relatives. That, in my view, would be to subject them to "cruel and inhuman treatment" amounting to torture; but we had better not pursue that avenue, as it would be sure to involve yet another court case.

It seems to me that the concept of individual autonomy has been stretched beyond all reasonable limits in the recent debate over human vegetables and living wills or what some prefer to call advance directives, and that it is the lawyers who are doing most of the stretching. In the case of *In re S*, lawyers for the wife even went so far as to speak of the patient's "inalienable right to choose the nature and extent of his physical care". What of the rights of those who care for him then, especially if, as is not unusual with desperately ill people, his condition has made him not only dependent but also tyrannical and unreasonably demanding?

Perhaps I am just being dense, but the idea of an inalienable right of choice being exercised by someone who is unable either to choose or to communicate is one with which my poor brain is simply unable to grapple.

No man is, after all, an island. A man as sick as that is soon a dead man without the constant attention of human helpers.

With every news bulletin announcing a slight improvement in the condition of the boxer Gerald McClellan I get a bulletin from a dear friend on the condition of a man I shall call N, who is in a persistent vegetative state and showing no signs of improvement. N had throat cancer and went into hospital for a laryngectomy. Without the operation he would certainly have died. As things turned out, and for reasons the doctors do not understand, his heart stopped for 17 minutes on the operating table. Now his body is, with continuous technical and human assistance, recovering from the operation, but there is, in effect, no one inside it.

The whole business is devastatingly sad for my friend, for N's family and for the doctors and nurses who are doing their best, not just to keep that body alive, but to restore the man himself to something that he would recognise as life. With every week that passes, their chances of succeeding fade.

According to an update on PVS in last month's *British Medical Journal* a thorough investigation by American researchers into all recorded cases indicates that PVS can be judged permanent after 12 months if it was brought on (as in the case of a boxer injured in the ring) by a traumatic injury, and after only three months if the cause was, as in N's case, non-traumatic. The probable cause of N's condition was an adverse reaction to the anaesthetic, a cause quaintly termed by the medics a "toxic insult". Nobody in this category has yet recovered after six months in a vegetative condition, and only 7 per cent have done so (generally horribly disabled) after three months.

British doctors believe that treatment is justified "if it makes possible a decent life in which a patient can reasonably be thought to have a continued interest". I think most of us would go along with that, with its implication that the judgment of whether a life is decent or not is in some sense a shared judgment.

The *BMJ* states that any decision to discontinue treatment requires evaluation of the diagnosis and prognosis, the likely benefits or burdens of treatment, the patient's views if known, and the view of the people close to the patient.

The only difficulty I have with all this is the fact that in this country the decision "requires consultation with the courts". As I see it, this is a decision to be made by those with a genuine interest in its outcome, and not by some disinterested lawyer. A "decent" life is a joint enterprise of interested parties. Tomorrow morning, therefore I shall be trying to assert my right, not to act as a vegetable puppeteer, but merely to leave the resolution of a frightful conundrum to those who really care about it. That excludes lawyers.

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How do you bring about a perfect match between twinned towns? One answer is to choose somewhere that is neither too similar nor too different

Some you twin, and some you lose

ANNE McELVOY

It was a marriage which should never have happened. The down-to-earth Yorkshire cathedral town of Ripon was no match for dreamy, sun-drenched Foix in the Pyrenees. Bound to each other at the height of enthusiasm for twinning in the halcyon days of Euro-optimism circa 1957, theirs was a passionless affair from the start.

An inaugural delegation of Ripon worthies to Foix was turned away by the mayor who declared himself too busy to receive it. Invitations to the Ripon festival were routinely scorned; letters written in painstaking French by the town's schoolchildren went unanswered.

Now the two sides have found new loves and agreed to an amicable divorce. Ripon will concentrate on the "more productive links" with its namesakes in California and Wisconsin; Foix will devote its entente cordiale to the Spanish twin of Lérida, where the French have less difficulty with the Catalan dialect spoken by their hosts than they had with a Yorkshire twang.

Since Keighley first twinned itself with Poix-de-Picardie in 1920, twinning has become a boom activity for local councils, not infrequently enlivened by generous mutual junketing. In the Fifties, the growth of the peace movement prompted a widening of the practice, and by the Seventies it was practically *de rigueur* for any self-respecting left-wing council to be twinned with towns in Communist countries. East Germany and Czechoslovakia were particular favourites.

But even the most level-headed places in Britain take it into their heads to have exotic associations now and then. Thus the North East's Whitby preserves fraternal links with Nuku'Alga in Tongo and Waimea in Hawaii, Anchorage in Alaska, and Port Stanley in the Falklands, expressed mainly in a quarterly newsletter. "We haven't ever sent anyone to those places because of the distance, but we are deluged with applications to twin with us, because Captain Cook set sail from Whitby," says Anne Cowey of the town council.

Even Ambridge, the fictitious setting of *The Archers*, has now been twinned with a rural French village, the better to exchange notes on fertiliser prices and the Common Agricultural Policy. Liverpool Street station is hitched to Amsterdam Central, and Gants Hill Tube station in north London is seeking a partner in the Moscow metro. "We were built at the same time," explains a guard.

There are two big problems about civic twinning: either the places are too different, such as Ripon and Foix, or they are too similar.

Several of my teenage holidays were courtesy of exchange visits with twinned towns in France and Germany. The first year, my school in the Co Durham countryside was appended to the City of Durham, so we were treated to a wonderful holiday in the southern German university town of Tübingen.

It was too good to last. Boundary changes the next year consigned us, on the basis of proximity, to the ironworks town of Consett, to exchange visits with Rheinhausen, home of the Krupp steel empire. If there was one place the residents of Consett did not want to spend their summers, it was in another dust-blighted town facing the closure of its main employer. They could get that at home.

In an attempt to escape this dispiriting embrace, we fled to Amiens to spend a month at a lycée. The town hall brochure failed to mention that it was an educational black hole. On day one, the teacher read mellifluously from *Les Fleurs du Mal*. We feigned polite comprehension, as the indigenous pupils were busy hurling chairs across the classroom and smoking.

On the return visit, they were horrified to find a regime of teacher-patrols, prefects and incarceration inside school at lunchtime. "It's like a prison," they moaned. The only reward on both sides was the triumph of having kissed someone outside your own Fifth Year.

The twinning system is based on the precept that similar communities are more likely to form an enduring bond than wildly different ones. The International Local Government Bureau has almost 2,000 partnerships on its books and, like a good dating agency, looks for common interests, locations or economies in forging matches.

But communities, like people, are unpredictable. Aberdeen is rubbing along fine with Belorussia, Margate with Yalta. Some cities are rather promiscuous with their favours. Coventry has 26 twin arrangements, the most active being with fellow war-devastated Dresden and Volgograd. Eastern Europe has lost its cachet since the end of the Cold War, with applications for twinning arrangements from the West fading in favour of ties with the former Soviet Union.

Spare a thought, too, for the towns of the old East Germany who looked forward to carefully orchestrated "friendship visits" to counterparts in West Germany. Since unification, many of the *Wessi* town halls have decided to downgrade the links. Now that neither side feels it incumbent to show off to the other, the fatted calf has been replaced with lacklustre sandwich buffets. Without the background tingle of competitive envy, being a twin isn't half the fun.

'She has no time to spend with our children'

A new weapon has emerged in the O.J. Simpson trial — the prosecutor's two young sons

Marcia Clark, the 41-year-old lead prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson case. Is she now too famous and preoccupied with the trial to continue to be a good mother to her two sons?

BEN MACINTYRE

Simpson's fate has taken second place

The O.J. Simpson trial was once about whether a famous football player had murdered his wife and another man; then it was about race; then spousal abuse; then celebrity; then the media.

Now, in the most unlikely twist of all in this strange tragi-comedy that has become the symbolic reflection of America's deepest concerns, the case has thrown up a fascinating new sub-plot that could hardly be further removed from the evidence of blood-stained gloves and fallen heroes, posing a familiar and crucial question: can a hard-working, professional woman also be a good mother?

The woman in question is Marcia Clark, the 41-year-old lead prosecutor in the Simpson case. Mrs Clark's every gesture, her hair, her history, her clothing, have been subjected to the minutest scrutiny. She has been profiled in *The New Yorker* and featured topless in *The National Enquirer*, so it was perhaps only a matter of time before the avid media burrowed its way into her family life.

But in the end it was Gordon Clark, the lawyer's estranged husband, who paved the way.

Last week Mr Clark filed suit in a Los Angeles court demanding primary custody of the couple's two sons, aged five and three, on the grounds that their mother was now too famous and too preoccupied with the trial of O.J. Simpson to look after them adequately.

"On most nights she does not arrive home until 10pm, and even when she is at home, she is working," Mr Clark claimed. The 36-year-old computer engineer pointed out that he has usually finished work by 6pm and could spend his evenings with the boys.

"While I commend her brilliance, her legal ability and her tremendous competence as an attorney," Mr Clark wrote with barely disguised ill-will, "I do not want our children to suffer because she is never at home, and never has any time to spend with them."

Mr Clark's timing was brilliantly cruel, and devastating. Just a few days earlier, Marcia Clark had excused herself from a late-night court session because, she said, she had to look after her children. Simpson's lawyer Johnnie Cochran called that "a ploy" to win more time for preparing her case: Mrs Clark furiously retorted that she was "offended as a woman, as a single parent, as a prosecutor and as an officer of the court".

Suddenly Marcia Clark was transformed from the model of a hard-nosed modern prosecutor into Everywoman's nightmare, living evidence that a successful woman may have to choose between her children and her job.

Her sons, meanwhile, have become weapons in the most avidly watched trial in American history. The Los Angeles District Attorney, Gil Garcetti, even claimed that the custody issue had been leaked by Simpson's defence team as a distraction because "they don't want us to spend time preparing for the case".

The pundits have leapt to the barricades and, briefly, the fate of Simpson himself has taken second place to a debate over the future of Marcia Clark's sons. Her supporters, citing statistics showing that in 70 per cent of disputed custody cases men emerge the victors, pointed to Mrs Clark as proof that women are being held to a double standard, encouraged to pursue high-flying careers but then penalised by child custody courts if they do so.

As Ellen Zucker, a member of the National Organisation of Women, told *The Boston Globe*: "When a woman does the same kind of work we expect men to do, people say she is an unfit mother."

But Mr Clark insists that, unlike his wife, he was "always there for our children and assumed at least equal responsibility for their care". On Christmas Day 1993, after 13 years of marriage, Mrs Clark told her husband she was filing for divorce. Under the current terms of their separation Mr Clark, a member of the Scientology sect who wants to raise his children in that religion, has custody of the boys for two nights a week and on alternate weekends.

Modern social mores stress the responsibilities of fatherhood and the ideal of "dual parenting", while US courts have officially declared "the best interests of the child" to be the defining issue in custody disputes.

In that case, say Mr Clark's defenders, since he has a less demanding job and a proven record of caring for his children, does he not deserve primary custody of his sons?

Despite the talk of rights and obligations, money lies at the root of the feud. Marcia Clark earns nearly $100,000 (£60,600) a year, approximately twice her husband's salary, and will make millions as a consequence of her newfound fame. Yet last December she filed a court declaration demanding additional financial support from her estranged husband, claiming that the Simpson trial has vastly increased her costs, and not just for baby-sitters.

"Because of the notoriety of the trial with press and television coverage, I have purchased five new suits and shoes at a cost of $1,500... I am under constant scrutiny and on public display. It has been necessary for me to have my hair styled and to spend more money on my personal care and grooming," she wrote.

Mr Clark shot back: "I do not think that because the Simpson trial has become a Hollywood production that [Marcia] needs to become a Hollywood personality herself and that I should pay for her makeovers."

And so, as the Simpson trial grinds into its second month, Marcia and Gordon Clark are preparing to square off in their own courtroom battle, the results of which will be watched just as closely and may, in the end, mean more than anything to emerge from Judge Ito's court.

It will be a remarkable moment in the chequered history of the American family if Marcia Clark wins the Simpson case, but loses her children.

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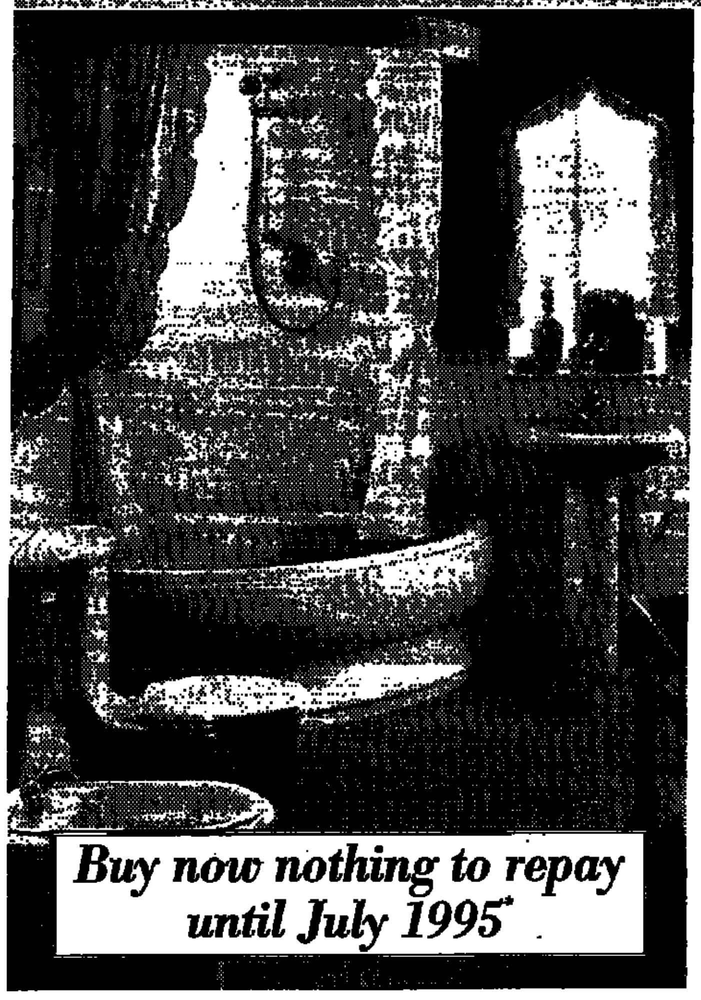

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■ A British chieftain can turn into a gas chief executive, if his name is Cedric

A Cedric by any other name would earn as much in share options and envy from Toms, Dicks and Harrys who would not care for his hours or his responsibilities. But Cedric Brown, the handsomely remunerated chief executive of British Gas, has enlivened our egalitarian British rage about other men's payslips by his first name. Names are magic. Christians recognise this by their rite of infant baptism. In ancient Egypt and other superstitious cultures, to know someone's personal name gave one power over that person.

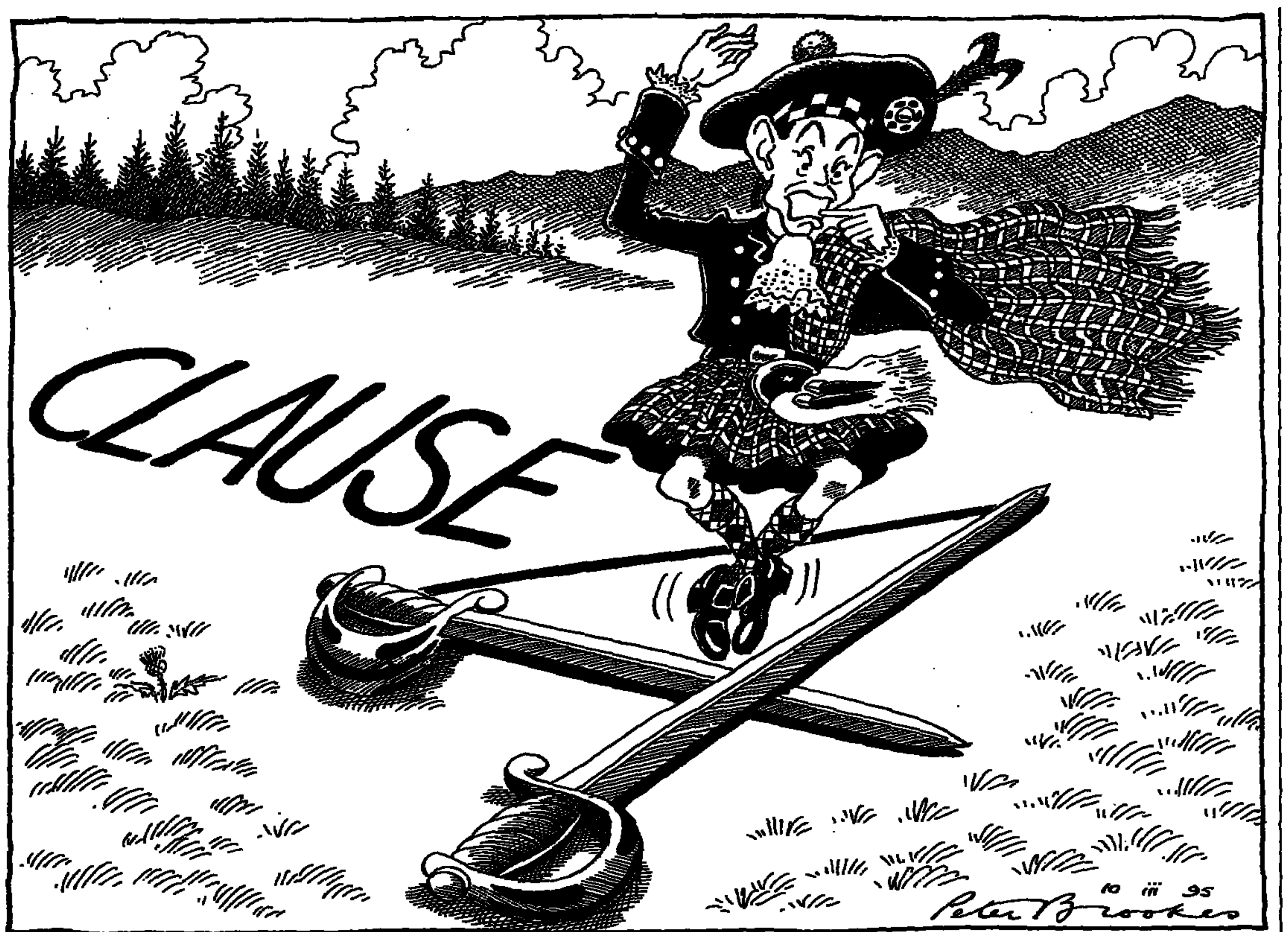
Personal names send out coded messages of nationality, region, class and gender — though that last code can be scrambled by names such as Evelyn, Jocelyn or, in Latin American countries, bisexual names such as Marie-Joseph. The Gas Board signalled a working-class chap who was not the usual type of capitalist by naming the hero of the advertising campaign for its shares on privatisation Sid. Reg or Winston would have sent a similar signal, the latter coupled with intimations of the West Indies. But not a century ago. Flower names such as Rose, Dahlia, May and Myrtle sound today like the names of elderly bedmakers at Cambridge colleges, where they still pull up duvets. For the Victorian middle classes flower names were classy as well as fragrant. Mary used to be "a grand old name" according to the song. It is now widely regarded as pietistic.

Our annual table of the most popular names announced for babies in *The Times* measures an elite cohort, and it changes only slowly. But the currency of names is affected by popular events as well as the erosion of the years. Time and the negative propaganda of Ebenezer Scrooge have eroded the Puritan attractions of his first name, that "stone of help" mascot of the Israelites against the Philistines. I was almost christened Ebenezer after my grandfather "Eben", but my Greek mother put her foot down for once. She is called Doris, an aristocratic sea nymph's name in the Ionian islands, but not, she discovered, in England. Grace became a popular name after the heroism of Grace Darling, the lighthouse keeper's daughter. It was given a boost by the glamour of Grace Kelly, particularly in *High Society*. Statisticians also measure the brief blip of popularity for Samantha, the rich girl Grace played. This is a problematic name which originated in the southern states of America, perhaps feminising the Puritan *Samuel* with the flowery *new* suffix of *-antha*. Grace has now been given a third boost by the revival of the Methodist hymn *Amazing Grace* as a popular song. Films and songs change the names. *Halliwell's Film Guide* gives away the age of Waynes and Tracys.

The vogue for Cedric as a first name has a history which has been affected by at least two bestsellers. Over 20 centuries the name has changed its connotations from the handle of an heroic rebel to aristocratic traditionalist to upper-class twit. Cedric Brown has added a new barnacle of greedy functionary to the growth of popular nomenclature.

As Caractacus, Cedric was the heroic British chieftain who rebelled against Roman rule. As Cerdic son of Cymbeline, Cedric by metathesis was the founder of the kingdom of Wessex. Walter Scott made Cedric the stern Saxon father of Ivanhoe a national hero in 1819, though his son's name was Wilfred, knight of Ivanhoe. Wilfred has lost its glamour as fast as Cedric. But in its prime *Ivanhoe* was as popular as *EastEnders*. A generation later Frances Hodgson Burnett named her *Little Lord Fauntleroy* Cedric. In his long yellow curls and black velvet suit with lace collar, and his custom of calling his mother "Dearest", Cedric turned the name sissy. Cedric Brown has added his gloss.

The ways of names shift on wayward tides. The French equivalent of *The Times* survey indicates that the most popular first name in France is — not so much Erik as Kevin. Pronounced *de vin*. Partly the chic of Irish names such as *Patric*. Partly Costner dancing with wolves and playing Robin Hood with Ivanhoe. When they privatise the London Underground, with delay-infested rails renamed TubeTrack, I hope the new managing director on an instant squillion a year is called Oswin.



The seeds of betrayal

Before Hong Kong is sacrificed to a country that tortures monks in Tibet, it should fight to preserve its civil rights

Bernard Levin

And so we come again to those two contentious issues, those nuisances from far away, those boring stories that we have heard dozens of times, those complaints that the members of our Foreign and Commonwealth Office throw into the waste-paper basket (many of the throwers have become so adept that they can hit the bin left-handed and ten yards away) those who are automatically brushed off as pests (like Levin, for instance), those funny little men coloured roughly yellow who claim to be human beings but surely can't be, otherwise they would be white — these come under that threadbare and frequently punctured umbrella that for simplicity are called Hong Kong and Tibet.

Let us take Hong Kong first, and how better to proceed than with the very words of Sir Robin McLaren ringing in our ears? As it happens, I have a considerable number of Sir Robin's words, not including his *Who's Who* entry, which in itself is amazingly revealing: by the end of a single reading of it, we are in Appeasement Avenue, and will be lucky to get out alive.

> Entered Foreign Service, 1958 . . . language student, Hong Kong; Third Secretary, Peking 1960-61; FO, 1961-64: Asst Private Sec to Lord Privy Seal (Mr Edward Heath) . . . seconded to Hong Kong Govt as Asst Political Adviser, 1968-69: First Sec., FCO, 1970-73; . . . Head of Hong Kong and Gen. Dept, 1978-79, of Far Eastern Dept, 1979-81, FCO: Political Adviser, Hong Kong, 1981-85 . . . Asst. Dep Sec. of State, FCO, 1990-91. Sen. British Rep., Sino-British Jt Liaison Gp . . . 1991-94 Ambassador to China . . .

Now, I ask you, what chance have those poor little yellow blighters after all that? But that is only, as I said, his *Who's Who*. When he has real space, the yellow blighters aforesaid might as well go and drown themselves *en masse*. (I must make plain that Sir Robin, when he is doing his best — easily confused with his worst — is writing to both the yellow and the white inhabitants of Hong Kong. I stress that, because it would sometimes be difficult to realise that he is addressing both.)

Well, now. Sir Robin told us that there would be "many difficulties" in China over the next few years, so Hong Kong's best interests lie in trying to avoid the attention of top mainland leaders after 1997 — and that might mean not allowing anti-Peking activities in the territory.

Sir Robin — perhaps wisely — did not make clear what exactly an anti-Peking activity might be. For instance, I hope to make more visits to my beloved Hong Kong before the takeover, and it is well known that I am much given to speaking my mind, sometimes at appalling length. Suppose I announced, loudly and clearly, that the people of China are ruled by brutes and tyrants, and the Chinese people are used as helots by their masters, while those masters live high on the hog (cf. Mao and his whores), would I be classified as an anti-Peking activity? And if so, how would I know that I was one; and what should I do about it?

But that does not finish Sir Robin's fascinating *tour d'horizon* of Hong Kong's do's and don'ts. He tells us that "You sometimes need to be prepared to compromise 3 per cent of the freedoms you enjoy in order to be able to ensure you keep the other 97 per cent".

Ah! And again ah! And yet again ah! Because all this heavy breathing denotes something immensely important. Just look at those tiny, almost invisible, 3 per cents! Ah, those 3 per cents, which could easily be turned into 4 per cents without anyone worrying, and for that matter, the 4 itty-bitty per cents could move an almost invisible distance towards the 5 extra per cents . . . and — well — Kipling said it well:

> And that is called paying the Dane-geld;
> But we've proved it again and again,
> That if once you have paid him the Dane-geld
> You never get rid of the Dane.

I am not quite finished with Sir Robin, but now let him speak in his own words: this is what he said:

> The interests of Hong Kong people lie in ensuring that, after 1997, the issue of Hong Kong appears as infrequently as possible on the agenda of the State Council of the Chinese Government. What will ensure that Hong Kong is on the agenda of the politburo is if Hong Kong, as a territory after 1997, is seen to be used by groups which are engaged in the process of undermining the government in China. (That's me, folks!)

That phrase "seen to be used by groups which are engaged in the process of undermining the government in China" presumably refers to the new China (that is, when Hong Kong has been fully incorporated), and reading between Sir Robin's lines, which are not entirely clear, it seems that the underminers are those who want to keep a tiny, tiny, flag of democracy flying in the *ci-devant* Hong Kong, whereas the overminers are shocked to think that the very word democracy ought to be banished. (Have no fear, Sir Robin, it will be.)

I take Sir Robin for whipping-boy, somewhat unfairly, but assuredly he is not alone in the "give in at once" contingent. (After all, Sir Percy Cradock seemed almost willing to give in *before* at once.) But then, when Sir Robin is quite out of the picture, there comes an item that should shock us all, but probably won't. The Chinese Government is now demanding to censor ordinary school textbooks.

Whenever I get into an argument about Hong Kong I know that I am destined to lose it. Despite the show of freedom the brave men and women are putting up, I cannot deny, as our own Government does, that the thread of democracy and freedom will be at immediate risk come the handover, and — here I am for once a profound pessimist — that that thread will be severed almost at once. And our Government has, with open eyes, sold the brave, beautiful, blazing bulwark against tyranny into bondage. (And just as I was writing this, I read a speech by the Governor of Hong Kong who said, in effect, that democracy is paramount, and we hope that it will prevail. So do I, my dear fellow, so do I.)

But if my friends in Hong Kong have good reason to spit upon the treachery of the British Government, how much greater is the betrayal of Tibet by almost all the nations in the world! The original rape of that wonderful and mysterious country, its monasteries set upon the eternal hills like a row of watchfires, was a crime hardly less dreadful than those of the Nazis; it encompassed the utter destruction of a culture (and, more to the point, of the human beings, too) that had endured for countless centuries.

But that was only for the beginning. The barbarians were — and are, for the rape continues — not content with the destruction of the culture; they wanted to erase every building, every prayer, every sacred scroll, until they were satisfied that when people in the future looked for Tibet on the map, there would be no such place. They have already got a long way towards their goal.

Words, words, just words; let me give you something more substantial. In doing so, I must introduce you to a gentleman named Palden Gyatso, and I think the best way of introducing him is to give you a smattering of his *curriculum vitae*. Here goes:

> Over a period of 30 years, Palden Gyatso was handcuffed, kicked, beaten with a stick with nails in it, thrashed, hung from the ceiling by his arms, starved until hunger drove him to eat his own boots, compelled to sign a false confession, sent to a labour camp, beaten with chains, had an electric shock-baton forced down his throat, lost 20 teeth, and regained consciousness in a pool of blood, urine and vomit.

This exciting life is not of his choosing; he is a Tibetan Buddhist monk, and a Tibetan Buddhist monk in the hands of the barbarians of China is lucky to get out alive. Come to think of it, most don't, but Palden finally escaped, and so thoughtful is he that he brought out the torture instruments that were used on him. I have a photograph of them, and Palden says: "The dirt and stains on them are real — they were left untouched, as witness to the suffering of the Tibetan people."

That suffering goes on, throughout Tibet, while the barbarians seek more victims and more appalling tortures. And the rest of the world goes to bed, saying — if it says anything — it's nothing to do with us.

Stop Press: This very week the result of Hong Kong elections are announced: to the surprise of Mr Hurd, though nobody else, the voters preferred democracy to totalitarianism.

The Left's history man

Geoffrey Wheatcroft

takes a lifelong Communist to task

"One of the great advantages of having been all your life a Communist is that nobody can accuse you of having been in it for the sake of careerism, for the sake of making money or for the sake of getting famous. I didn't want to lose that moral high ground." Sue Lawley's latest castaway on the ever-fascinating *Desert Island Discs* (repeated this morning) was Professor E.J. Hobsbawm, who inevitably talked about his politics.

As is well known, Professor Hobsbawm is an outstanding historian, and a very readable one. As is well known also, he has been a lifelong Communist. He joined the party as a schoolboy in the early 1930s, and he was still a member when the Communist Party of Great Britain itself finally expired more than half a century later, with Eric Hobsbawm by then pretty much its sole intellectual ornament. He then managed with some adroitness to become a friend of Neil Kinnock's and a guru to the broader Left.

One might ask how he got away with all this. After all, when he writes about history he is compelling, when he talks about jazz he is always interesting, but when he tries to defend his political career he talks a kind of nonsense which would seem absurd from a less clever man, and might seem odious from a man with less charm.

Communism was part of the tragedy of the 20th century, along with the Fascism which is a heresy of Communism and enjoyed a symbiotic relationship with it. What the Soviet regime did to the people it ruled was the greatest tragedy: at least 20 million killed and many millions more imprisoned. But also tragic in its way was the fact that so many of the brightest and best of their generation in the West fell under the spell of the Soviet myth.

Most of them were finally woken from their dream by the noise of events. Not Mr Hobsbawm. He still parrots the stale line that "socialism" was attempted in the wrong country. He stayed in the party even after the brutal reconquest of Hungary in 1956, partly out of habit, partly, he says, out of loyalty, and partly because "I didn't wish to deny the whole of my life". To which a strict moralist might reply that loyalty to murderers is complicity in murder, and wonder whether one man's refusal to admit that he was wrong (or "deny my whole life") was more important than the fate of the millions who lived under Communism.

Asked about Stalin's tyranny, Hobsbawm says: "We didn't know, we didn't know the extent of it." This is simply false. There was no difficulty whatever in knowing at the time, particularly for someone who is after all an historian and supposed to have an independent, inquiring mind. Hobsbawm sometimes cheerfully admits that he was absolutely loyal to the party line over, for example, the Nazi-Soviet pact in 1939. But that wasn't the real test. Most of the crises which cured other Communists of their addiction — the pact, Prague in 1948, Budapest in 1956 — could even be defended on *realpolitisch* grounds: Russia was simply behaving like a great power.

The real question was the nature of the Soviet regime itself. One man who flirted with Communism was the brilliant American critic Dwight Macdonald. He described coming to his senses in 1937, when he bought the official transcript of the Second Moscow Trial at the party bookshop. Even then he didn't entirely see through Stalinism. But a cursory reading demonstrated "the absurdity of the trial's main political thesis: that Trotsky had conspired with the representative of Hitler, Mussolini and the Mikado and most of the surviving Bolshevik leaders to kill Stalin and restore capitalism in Russia". Presumably Professor Hobsbawm did believe this — and all the other confessions in all the other show trials, extorted as it happened by one or another form of mental or physical torture.

The harsh view of Hobsbawm and others like him is that while pretending to love liberty they really worshipped power, something which comes all too easily to intellectuals. A more charitable view is that Communism was a form of religious belief, or that those who adhered to it were "in denial", the useful psychiatric term for the man who is drinking a bottle of gin a day but insists that he has no problem.

Personally, I admire Hobsbawm greatly as writer, and think of him in much the same terms as I do someone I admired, if anything, more. The late Reginald Goodall was one of the greatest conductors of Wagner and Bruckner many of us will ever hear. He was also, to put it plainly, a Fascist: an ardent member of Mosley's Blackshirts in the 1930s who never really changed his views afterwards. Life is strange, and people stranger. Goodall's politics, which weren't a complete secret, seem to have hindered his career (and you can't really blame Jewish musicians who bore a certain resentment).

Miss Lawley is being credulous when she says that Hobsbawm's "Marxist beliefs did not make his life easy, and academic promotion came slowly". This of a man who was a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge at 32, a professor in London by 53, and now — relish the irony — has a comfortable billet in New York. Would a self-proclaimed member of the National Front have enjoyed the same tolerance?

No, Eric Hobsbawm hasn't done badly out of bourgeois society, and good luck to him. But he might spare us the "moral high ground".

Tackless tour

DECORUM is to be preserved during the Queen's visit to South Africa this month. A royal decree has been issued by the Lord Chamberlain's office to those who plan to peddle items related to Her Majesty's visit: no tacky souvenirs, please.

The message is being conveyed through the British High Commission in Johannesburg. It states that no T-shirts, plastic mugs or disposable receptacles bearing portraits of the Queen or the Duke of Edinburgh can be sold.

"Souvenirs must be in good taste," explains a spokeswoman at Buckingham Palace. "They must basically be articles of a permanent kind. They may not include textiles except for headscarves or wall hangings. T-shirts are out. Containers and receptacles are permitted provided they are made of metalware or ceramic."

The Palace insists that there should be no advertising associated with royal souvenirs on the tour, nor any hint of royal custom or approval. But the T-shirt industry is taken aback by the severity of the edict, which carries the weight of the Advertising Standards Authority behind it. "It's a strange decision to ban T-shirts," says Robert Dewy, sales manager at Things Ltd, purveyor of sundry garments to Wembley Stadium and other such outlets. "T-shirts aren't tacky. The tourists love them."

● *Michael Howard was forced to use strong-arm tactics yesterday during a conference on tougher penalties for offenders. He had to silence his junior minister Baroness Blatch — who was gassing noisily to an official while he was briefing the press — by placing his hand firmly on her arm.*

OK CHAPS, RENDEZVOUS HERE 1600 HOURS
ARMY BARRACKS
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Conversion

THE PARTY to celebrate the first night of the West End revival of John Godber's *Up 'n' Under*, a rib-tickler about rugby league, was a scrum filled not only by belly-laughing players but also by movie-men.

The tale of seven-a-side pub rugby in Yorkshire is heading for the big screen — here first and then America. Godber, said to be Britain's most performed playwright after Shakespeare, has written the script and Malcolm McDowell is lined up for the lead part.

"It's like *Rocky* with mud on the boots, a bloody nose and bandaged knee," says Godber. "The Americans will understand that."

Non-starter

JEREMY PAXMAN'S disrespectful manner with politicians and *University Challenge* contestants was developed at a tender age. He used to bully his teachers and at prep school he expressed contempt for almost all those charged with his welfare. In today's *Times Educational Supplement*, he describes the majority of his prep school masters as "no-hopers".

One master, who Paxman says was sacked after failing to pass the marmalade to the headmaster's wife during breakfast, suffered particularly at his hands. Paxman recalls jacking the chap's car up onto bricks. "The poor fellow put his case in the car, climbed in after it, pulled the roof shut over his head and started the engine," he says. "And the wheels went round and round and the car remained stationary. There we all were with our faces pressed up against the windows, watching."

● *To mark South Korean President Kim Young Sam's visit to Britain, the Korean magazine in Europe, Euroko, has published a special edition. Worryingly for the Euro-sceptics, it calls Michael Heseltine "Undisputable Number 2 Man in English politics".*

Futures

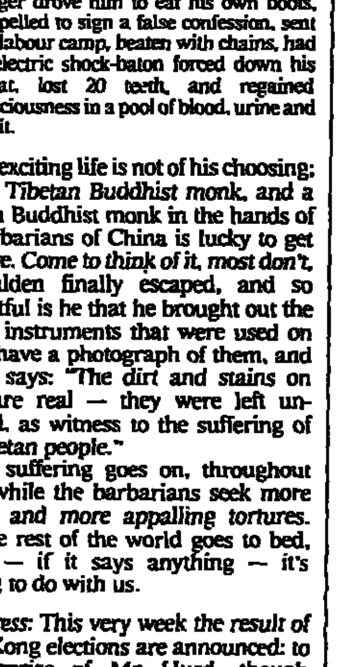
PETER Baring appears to have picked just the place for contemplating the fate of his stricken bank. He has bought a house in the shadow of a church in the Berkshire village of East Woodhay and he plans to move in by June.

He bought the Old Rectory months ago and builders have been there ever since. A charitable welcome comes from his new neighbour, the Rev David Carter, rector of St Martin's: "I have only met him once briefly and his wife a few times, but we are looking forward to them coming here."

Undressing

A FRISSON ran through the ladies attending this week's council meeting of the British Red Cross. They were quite suddenly confronted by the tanned torsos of August Jacobson, Tom Romano, Randy Vandenberg — and other members of the Chippendales.

In one of the most unusual tie-ups in the charity world, the Red Cross council has decided to use members of the male troupe in some of its 125th special birthday events. At Tuesday's meeting chaired by the statuesque Countess of Limerick, the predominantly female council decided to examine photographs and calendars featuring the Chippendales.


A brace of Chippendales

"We strongly support the British Red Cross," says Heidi Kipling, the Chippendales' PR. "The idea of a tie-up came when Red Cross-trained officials helped women who fainted at our shows."

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THE CLAUSE AWA'

Scottish Labour activists should question their old assumptions

This afternoon Tony Blair faces what might be his first serious defeat since he won the Labour Party leadership. He will use all his strongest arguments to try to convince wavering Scottish party members and trade unionists to back his proposals to rewrite Clause Four of the Labour constitution. Unfortunately for him, though, the more powerful his speech, the more determined they may be to rebel. In this lies a symbol of the deep cultural divide that separates the Labour Party north and south of the border.

To many Scottish activists, Mr Blair is a jumped-up, English, middle-class southerner. That he went to school in Edinburgh is more of a hindrance than a help since his parents paid for his education. Some Scots feel that he is trying to impose an English, middle-class, southerner's view of the Labour Party on them. Given that Labour has been the dominant party in Scotland for more than three decades, they do not see why they should accept his formula.

They are quite wrong. Reform of Clause Four is neither a middle-class nor a southern English agenda. It is more popular in Mr Blair's northern, working-class constituency of Sedgefield than it is in London. Scottish activists, who lost their brief ascendancy at Westminster when John Smith died, should not punish Mr Blair for his roots. They should think instead about his arguments.

The Scottish Labour Party has not needed to go in for much deep thinking. The voting system is so loaded in favour of its candidates that Labour has been the majority party north of the border since 1959. While leftwingers in England can point only to opinion polls to support their contention that reform is not necessary, Scots can point to real votes and seats. Activists there have not been forced by electoral defeat to re-examine their values. It ain't broke, they claim, so they do not see why they should fix it.

In this complacency, they have failed to take account of the shift in mood of the voters around them. This is partly because local membership is often small and can be cliquey. Activists have their fiefdoms and some are reluctant to open them to others. The constituency of Sedgefield alone now has nearly as many members as all ten in Glasgow put together. Scottish activists should ask themselves why their brand of Labour seems to be less attractive than the "new"version south of the border.

Affection for Clause Four in Scotland stems more from sentiment than realism: a nostalgia for the old nationalised industries such as shipbuilding and steel which once used to dominate the country but have now been eclipsed by the newer industries of oil and electronics. It is also seen as a defence against Labour's main opponent in Scotland: the Scottish National Party. Activists fear that dropping Clause Four would be seen by voters as ceding ground to the SNP.

Yet, if the Scottish conference votes against reform, it will not affect the national party decision on April 29. That still looks likely to produce a victory for Mr Blair. How then will today's vote be portrayed? The SNP will say that it proves the impotence of the Scottish Labour Party to influence decisions made in England. And the Conservatives will claim that a devolved Scottish assembly would nationalise everything in sight. Labour's opponents will exploit it as a sign of party division and an embarrassment for the leadership. Quite apart from the merits of the case, which strongly support reform of Clause Four, today's conference delegates should think very carefully before giving such ammunition to their opponents.

A DIPLOMATIC EXCUSE

Mr Major has wisely defused a row over his visit to Israel

Douglas Hogg's decision to cancel his visit to Israel on the pretext that he had a "heavy workload" is a transparent excuse to avoid a showdown over his proposed visit to Orient House, the east Jerusalem headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. John Major and Douglas Hurd have long known that Mr Hurd would be travelling in the Gulf during the Prime Minister's visit to Israel; to decide at this stage that it was too much to have two Foreign Office ministers *in the region at the same time is a lame cover for capitulation to intense Israeli lobbying.*

Nevertheless, the decision not to send a minister to Orient House is, in the circumstances, understandable. The Israelis were implacable in their opposition: Ehud Olmert, the right-wing Mayor of Jerusalem, had threatened to have Mr Hogg arrested, and the resulting furore would have torpedoed Mr Major's visit. His purpose is broader. It is to buttress the warming political relations between Britain and Israel, signal Britain's approval of Israeli courage in beginning the peace process, encourage the Rabin Government to keep up the momentum and take advantage of Israel's burgeoning economy to boost British trade.

For years Britain's relations with Israel remained correct but cool. The Israelis complained of what they saw as pro-Arab bias in British foreign policy, and were wounded by the lack of high-level visits by royalty or politicians. The change came with the change in the Middle East stalemate. In the past year the Duke of Edinburgh has visited Jerusalem, the arms embargo was lifted, Malcolm Rifkind paid a high-profile visit and a stream of businessmen and public figures has given substance to the new relationship. None of this has been at the expense of Britain's relations with the Arab world. The Prime Minister's visit is therefore all the more welcome in that it cements relations with Israel at a time of relative optimism. The fickle peace process may yet turn sour; but more attention will be paid then to British views if they spring from newly cultivated friendship.

The peace process, nevertheless, will still be at the heart of Mr Major's political discussions — rightly. It is not up to Britain to dictate how Israel should repair the crumbling relations with the Palestinians. *Britain does, however, have a very real political and material interest in bolstering* the moderate Palestinians, and as one of the key European nations offering training and aid to the fledgeling Palestinian autonomous government, it has a right to hold direct, face-to-face talks with the PLO. Mr Major will do so in Gaza, where he will meet Yassir Arafat, and in the British consulate-general in Jerusalem, where he will meet other senior Palestinians. There is no question of any Israeli veto over such discussions.

Nor should there be any bar to a visit to Orient House. Britain does not recognise the Israeli annexation of east Jerusalem, and the Israeli argument — that under its Declaration of Principles with the PLO the status of Jerusalem is not to be broached yet — is a red herring. Now, however, is not the time to enter into a quarrel with Israel over niceties. A senior British official will pay a courtesy visit, demonstrating consistency both with previous British ministerial visits to Orient House and one recently made by the troika of European Union foreign ministers. Jerusalem is a devilish question for Israelis as well as Palestinians, and Yitzhak Rabin is already under massive electoral pressure for even attempting to find a compromise. Mr Major's task next week should be to encourage him in his search, not to undermine him.

OVER TO ILLY

England's fickle cricketers now have their own supremo

Stubbornness, although not considered a virtue in every part of the country, is still as prized in Yorkshire as a perfect pint of ale. The absence of obduracy in our cricketers, as much as the prolonged drought of talent and technique, has been a cardinal factor in the decline of our side at international level. Fortunately for English cricket, however, a Yorkshireman is now in complete charge of those men who wear white flannels for Queen and Tetley's. Lovers of the game — and there are still many who remain faithful — can begin to look forward to more combative times.

In a move that historians of the game may come to describe as revolutionary, Raymond Illingworth is now both chairman of selectors as well as manager of the side. Mr Illingworth is an archetype of his headstrong Yorkshire tribe. Born not in Pudsey, as the myth-mongers would have it, but in little-known Farsley, Illingworth could provide just the gritty tonic that England's ailing cricket needs: a Norman Tebbit of the turf, he is as shrewd as an old mahout.

Illingworth learnt his bristling cricket at the faculty of Hard Knocks, in the celebrated university of the White Rose. Yorkshire is the self-appointed bastion of all that is manly in the English game. Between the retirement of the the much-loved Geoffrey Boycott and the emergence of the even better-loved Darren Gough, the county had not been able to boast of a single regular member of the England team. And exclusion gave birth to resentment. Yorkshire's Edmonds carped bitterly at those Edgars in the "soft South" on whom Test cricketing Fortune bestowed her capricious favours. English cricket's oldest aphorism was invoked in every little pub from Great Smeaton to Grewelthorpe — the national game is "nowt" without Yorkshire.

With the addition of the manager's feather to his chairman's cap, Illingworth is poised to bring the energy of Yorkshire into England's engine room, manned until now by Keith Fletcher. Fletcher's record as manager was unenviable, with the team losing three out of every five Test matches played under his tutelage. His appointment was a mistake, of course: an undistinguished captain of England could scarcely have been expected to excel as manager. Yet such is the ponderous nature of English cricket that it took the authorities three years (or 26 Tests) to summon the energy to replace him.

Illingworth will not transform our listless side into a team of tigers overnight: the structure of English cricket is too flawed for that. Our players are too inured to the mechanical mediocrity of the county circuit to respond immediately to the passionate motivation of a man who played his cricket in a more talented era. Yet the new supremo's task is bound to be as much emotional as it is technical. Illingworth brings with him the cutting edge of pride which every team but England seems now to possess. Our cricketers could learn a thing or two from him — and also win a Test or two for him.

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Weighing risks on power shares

From Mr Malcolm Grimston

Sir, Even as a small shareholder I knew the risk I was taking when I applied for 800 shares in National Power and PowerGen. It was a combination of the general risks of shareholding, and the particular risks of this still-misfiring industry.

I therefore find it difficult to have any sympathy with the institutions which subscribed to this offer. Indeed, I find it difficult to see how else the Government could have acted. To abandon the offer before the publication of the regulator's ideas would have prompted a panic over-reaction far more serious than that which has occurred, to the detriment of many shareholders in the regional electricity companies and the other generators.

Caveat emptor. I bought National Power and PowerGen because I have been impressed by their success in developing overseas markets; it has been clear for five years that their domestic position would weaken as competition increased. The regulator has not changed that fundamental position, and the complaints from investors who should know better sound opportunistic.

Yours faithfully,
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March 9.

From Mr Tim Parkinson

Sir, The comments of Simon Jenkins ("Power's new brokers", March 8) and those of the angry investors who have lost money over the Office of Electricity Regulation's intention to clamp down on price increases are misdirected, for two reasons.

First, the regulators have shown a commendable independence from both politicians and utilities ever since the early days of the privatisation programme. Far from succumbing to "regulatory capture" (the identification of a common goal between the regulator and the regulated) they have consistently been a thorn in the side of the utilities, which have constantly wanted to increase prices. The constant whingeing of British Gas that its pricing formula of RPI minus 5 per cent is too strict has not prevented the envisaged efficiency gains allowing it to increase profits and service — despite the increased level of complaints, which is more a sign that complaining works than that the service is worse than before.

The very timing of the announcement by Professor Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, politically unfortunate as it was, points to his autonomy.

Second, and more comical, is the immediate desire of shareholders to moan when they fail to take an immediate profit from their shares (BP's privatisation being another example). Margaret Thatcher wanted Britain to become a nation of shareholders, but one of privatisation's greatest lessons is to teach that buying an asset is not risk-free.

When high profits lead to high executive pay deals (which arguably lead to high profits) there are bitter recriminations. When those high profits are threatened there is a similar outcry.

Yours faithfully,
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Fear and flying

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, As an old, once-bold pilot I heartily disagree with Ted Gorman (letter, March 6), who questions the assertion of Flight Lieutenant Jo Salter (report, February 22) that she "never feels fear" as a Tornado pilot. It was far from being my experience, during five wartime years, flying mostly Swordfish biplanes, that all pilots have "a healthy fear for their aircraft" as he says. We loved and trusted them.

Fear may come when the flak starts flying or the elastic breaks (our euphemism for the engine failing), but no one should be flying who ever feels afraid when at the controls of a magnificent, well maintained flying machine in peacetime, except in a dire emergency.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KILBRACKEN
(Sometime Lieutenant-Commander (A), RNVR),
House of Lords.
March 7.

What the blazes!

From Mr Guy Thompson

Sir, The blazer considerably pre-dates the Oxford and Cambridge boat clubs (letters, February 24, March 1).

I have always understood, and my 1990 paperback edition of *Brewer's* confirms, that it was the Captain of *HMS Blazer* who decided in 1845 to fit out his gig's crew with striped matching jerseys.

Not to be outdone, other captains quickly followed suit, each ship having its own distinctive colours. This sounds a logical explanation of a somewhat warlike name.

Yours faithfully,
GUY THOMPSON,
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March 1.

Priorities for Copenhagen summit

From Mr Richard J. Thomas

Sir, I cannot share the hope expressed by Cardinal Hume that politicians will bow to their moral responsibility at this week's world summit on social development in Copenhagen ("A date for richer and poorer", March 4). The British Government has already given an indication as to the importance with which it views the meeting by refusing to send either its Prime Minister or Foreign Secretary (reports, March 6).

It has become fashionable to criticise our present Government for not having its finger on the pulse of the people. Sadly, in its decision to send Baroness Chalker as the British representative, it appears that in this case, at least, the Government is right on the ball. It appreciates exactly what kind of society we have created for ourselves.

"People before profits" is an anthem which has long since ceased to enjoy any electoral mileage on the domestic front or, for that matter, any kind of mileage internationally.

Yours faithfully,
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March 6.

From Mr Mike Aaronson

Sir, Save the Children is not "boycotting" the social summit in Copenhagen (report, March 6). We will in fact be present as observers. What we have said is that while we welcome the summit's attempt to put human welfare at the top of the agenda, we believe it will fail, for the simple reason that policy is being made without reference to the most important group in society's development — children.

Children have an active role in society which is not being recognised. They should be studied and assessed in their own right, and be consulted and asked to participate in development planning where appropriate. A "Children's Agenda" for social development is urgently required.

Yours faithfully,
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March 6.

From the Director, One World Action

Sir, It is good to see a newspaper like *The Times*, in its leading article of March 6, acknowledging that perhaps the most direct way to benefit the poor, through development policies, is to direct those policies towards women.

At the same time it is very discouraging to realise that the world development summit at Copenhagen is failing to address the powerful conditions attached to Western aid. Conditions attached to aid by the governments of industrialised countries demand cuts in public spending and therefore reduce opportunities for women.

The poor, deprived of food, shelter, education and clean water, cannot be expected to lift themselves by their sandal straps. The right kind of assistance has to be given. Unfortunately the attitude of the G7 governments, including our own, who have driven aid conditions off the agenda, gives us little cause to hope for real improvements.

Yours faithfully,
JANE WINDER,
Director,
One World Action,
Weddel House,
13-14 West Smithfield, EC1.
March 6.

From Mr E. Ukey

Sir, Poverty in Africa is caused by a combination of civil wars, corruption, misgovernment and destabilising military coups. Anyone who wants to help Africa must first think of how to eradicate these.

The UN social summit is serving the useful function of focusing the world's attention on the plight of millions of my fellow-Africans. It also provides an occasion for people like me to cry out for the right forms of help.

The UN should establish a court of human rights for Africa. Only such a court with the backing of Western powers could bring political normality. In addition the British Government should take an uncompromising stand against corrupt military regimes. Events in Nigeria since June 12, 1993, have made it obvious that Africans cannot overthrow oppressive military regimes without Western help.

Yours faithfully,
E. UKEY,
11 Lawson House,
White City Estate, W12.
March 6.

Student numbers

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Education

Sir, James Bourlet (letter, March 8), who suggests that higher education is replacing the function of National Service, offers one of the most depressing prescriptions for the future of Britain's education system that it has been my misfortune to read since taking over the role of Shadow Education Secretary last October.

There is no conflict between preparing young people for the real world of industry and a vision of opening up opportunity and access to excellence to the many, rather than confining it to the privileged few.

Britain's relative economic and industrial decline has, in part, stemmed from this belief that only a few can achieve excellence. It is a view not shared either by the economic success stories of Asia or our European Union partners. Ignoring this reality will merely equip young people for the past.

We must open up opportunity in order to develop a knowledge-based society in which the attainment of higher education both develops the potential of the individual and their capacity to innovate and provide the enterprise economy of the future — in which they create jobs, rather than merely filling them.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BLUNKETT
(MP for Sheffield Brightside),
House of Commons.
March 8.

Prisoners overseas

From Mr Paul Rees

Sir, The comments by Janet Harber on family visits to UK prisons (letter, March 8) have my sympathy, as many families have to travel long distances, adding to the stress on already strained relationships. To ease the financial burden, families on a low income can, and do, apply for travel assistance for up to two prison visits each month.

Families who wish to visit relatives held abroad qualify for no assistance, not even to the point of embarkation. There are hundreds of prisoners held overseas who never experience the benefits of a visit as their family in the UK do not qualify for any financial help, despite being in receipt of income support. Prisoners Abroad manages to make small travel grants to families on a low income. Three quarters of our 1,100 clients are in European jails, to which travel is possible for relatives on low income if there is some help with costs.

I am not advocating government-subsidised junkets to exotic destinations, but rather a modest payment for the cost of travel to UK port or airport. This could make all the difference to those families of prisoners abroad who are saving to travel.

British prisoners overseas are discriminated against just by being British in a foreign system. For their families in the UK to suffer discrimination at the hands of our own Government is iniquitous.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL REES
(Manager), Prisoners Abroad,
72-82 Rosebery Avenue, EC1.

Antarctic pollution

From Mr David Philp

Sir, Having just returned from McMurdo Sound, I can tell Mrs Marsh (letter, March 6) that there are now *two* fire engines adding their exhausts to those of the aircraft arriving each day — to say nothing of the world's largest bus used to connect these with the American base.

Our vessel was equipped to avoid pollution of any kind while at sea. We ourselves were required to return to the ship for basic human needs. It came as a shock to learn that sewage from the US and New Zealand bases receives minimal treatment before being pumped into the sound.

Is it not time attention was turned away from the closely controlled and environmentally-conscious "tourist" and onto the activities of those resident in Antarctica?

Yours faithfuly,
DAVID PHILP,
Greenings, Chilfrome, Dorset.
March 7.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Breakfast radio

From the Controller, BBC Radio 1

Sir, Mr A. R. Grimes objects to reports that we have paid £1 million "to a television presenter [Chris Evans] for just eight months' work" (letter, March 7). The facts are somewhat different. We have contracted Mr Evans's company to produce Radio 1's popular breakfast show for a fee which is far less than the £1 million quoted (reports, February 22). That fee will cover *all* the costs of the programme — studios, office space, production staff, computers, telephones, payments to other contributors and so on.

Chris Evans is one of the most sought-after talents in UK broadcasting. He could earn far more money in television, but has chosen to join Radio 1 because he sees it as the most exciting place to work. We know our listeners are looking forward to hearing him in April.

Yours faithfully,
MATTHEW BANNISTER,
Controller, BBC Radio 1,
Broadcasting House, W1.

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Winter shelter for street sleepers

From the Secretary of State for the Environment

Sir Whilst I recognise the concern which prompted the letter of March 8 from the Provost and Chapter of Southwark Cathedral I think it would be helpful to offer a rather fuller picture of the support available for rough sleepers in London.

This year my Department's winter shelter programme is funding over 330 bedspaces in seven shelters across central London, one of which is located in Southwark Street. This programme is one element of the Government's six-year, £182 million rough sleepers initiative, which began in 1990 and aims to make it unnecessary for people to sleep rough in central London.

Based firmly on partnership with the voluntary sector organisations, the main component of the initiative is the provision of around 3,300 places in permanent accommodation. The winter shelter programme aims to provide a route off the streets for the hard core of people sleeping rough who are resistant to other types of accommodation, such as direct access hostels.

The shelters are open from December 1 to March 31. The voluntary sector agencies which we fund to provide outreach and resettlement tell us that this time limit focuses residents' attention on taking up a more settled lifestyle. During the recent cold spell, we opened up to a further 75 emergency bedspaces for people who would otherwise sleep out. There were vacancies every night.

The rough sleepers initiative has reduced the number of people sleeping rough in central London by three quarters. It has assisted several thousand people to find accommodation and has kept off the streets many more who might otherwise have ended up there.

If it is indeed Amos's call for justice that motivates the Provost of Southwark Cathedral, as his letter suggests, he might make an attempt to find out the facts before seeking to apportion blame.

The many committed people in the Department of the Environment who work on this programme — and the Ministers directly concerned — would be only too happy were the Provost and Chapter of Southwark to find time to join us in this work.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GUMMER,
Department of the Environment,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
March 8.

From Dr John Butler

Sir, In order to elicit support for the homeless in London, the Provost and Chapter of Southwark Cathedral should, perhaps, advise them to sleep in wooden crates rather than cardboard boxes.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BUTLER,
Old Barn, 21 Barn Road,
Broadstone, Dorset.
March 8.

Cruelty campaign

From the Chief Executive, Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Sir, You reported on March 4 that a proposed ban on fox hunting and hare coursing was supported in the House of Commons by a historic vote of 253 to nil. The result was greeted with cheers by MPs who saw it as a turning point for animal rights.

At the same time in another part of the House, child protection agencies like the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children were waging a difficult and possibly fruitless campaign to persuade even a majority of a 19-strong standing committee that the Children (Scotland) Bill should have a short addition making it illegal as a form of punishment to beat children with sticks or other implements or otherwise cause them injury or prolonged pain.

Something wrong here, surely?

Yours faithfully,
A. M. M. WOOD,
Chief Executive,
Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children,
Melville House,
41 Polwarth Terrace, Edinburgh 11.
March 7.

On its own

From Miss Emma E. Coleman

Sir, I was intrigued to discover a bottle of natural mineral water claiming to come from a source "fully protected from the environment".

Yours sincerely,
EMMA E. COLEMAN,
Magdalen College, Oxford.
March 9.

Long odds

From Professor J. F. Garner

Sir, Will your astrologer advise us why March 3 should be a propitious day for the birth of racehorse trainers? "Birthdays today" lists four, not to mention one racing commentator.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. GARNER,
102 Wollaton Vale,
Nottingham.
March 3.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 8: The Rt Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland) had an audience of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
March 9: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Northern Ireland and were received this morning at Belfast City Airport by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (the Rt Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew MP) and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Belfast (Colonel Elliott Wilson).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, drove to Lagan Road Bridge and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of Belfast (Alderman Hugh Smyth) before opening the new road and rail bridges and unveiling two commemorative plaques.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh walked to Dargan Rail Bridge and travelled by train to Belfast Central Station.

Later Her Majesty and His Royal Highness arrived at the City of Armagh Council Offices and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Armagh (the Earl of Caledon) and the Chairman, Armagh District Council (Councillor James Nicholson, MEP).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh walked to the Archbishop's Chapel where Her Majesty was graciously pleased to address the Chairman, Armagh District Council, and presented him with the Letters Patent granting City Status to Armagh.

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, afterwards honoured the Chairman of Armagh District Council with her presence at Luncheon in the Council Offices.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited Armagh High School and were received by the Chairman of School Governors (Canon Christopher Lowrey).

Her Majesty opened the renovated school building and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the school, escorted respectively by the Headmaster (Mr James Craig) and Mr Brian Rolston (Deputy Headmaster).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later arrived at Hillsborough Castle and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Down (Colonel William Brownlow).

The Queen held an Investiture in the Throne Room.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended a Reception for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duchess of Grafton, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Charles Anson and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) Called Upon The President of the Republic of Costa Rica this morning at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London SW1, and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed His Excellency on his Arrival in this Country.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 9: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning carried out engagements in Dhaka.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon left Bangladesh for Sri Lanka and was received on arrival by the British High Commissioner (His Excellency Mr John Field).

This evening The Princess Royal was received by The President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 9: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Royal Society for Nature Conservation, this morning visited the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's project at the Midger Wood Nature Reserve, Wotton-under-Edge, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Robinswood Hill Country Park, Gloucester, and attended a Luncheon with staff and supporters of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

The Prince of Wales later opened the Business Support Centre of Business Link Gloucestershire at Chargrove House, Main Road, Shurdington, Cheltenham.

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, this evening gave a Reception at Highgrove House, Tetbury.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Member of the Court of Assistants of The Haberdashers' Company, was present this evening at the Livery Dinner of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers at Haberdashers' Hall, Staining Lane, London EC2.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 9: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened the Royal Institute of British Architects' National Conservation Conference at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
March 9: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, the University of Surrey, this evening attended a dinner for Retiring High Officers, Boodles, St James's Street, London SW1.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marcello Malpighi, physiologist, Crevalcore, Italy, 1628; John Benbow, admiral, Shrewsbury, 1653; John Playfair, geologist and philosopher, Benvie, Tayside, 1748; Friedrich von Schlegel, philosopher and historian, Hanover, 1772; William Etty, painter, York, 1787; Leonard Raven-Hill, artist and cartoonist, Bath, 1867; Tamara Karsavina, prima ballerina, Leningrad, 1885; Arthur Honegger, composer, Le Havre, 1892.

DEATHS: John Stuart Bute, 3rd Earl of Bute, Prime Minister 1762-63, London, 1792; Muzio Clementi, pianist and composer, Evesham, 1832; Taras Shevchenko, poet, Ukraine, 1861; Giuseppe Mazzini, Italian patriot, Pisa, 1872; Sir Charles Thomson, naturalist, Bonsyde, Lothian, 1882; Charles Frederick Worth, fashion designer, Paris, 1895; David Beatty, 1st Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, London, 1936; Mikhail Bulgakov, dramatist and novelist, Moscow, 1940; Laurence Binyon, poet, Reading, 1943; Jan Masaryk, statesman, Prague, 1948; Frank O'Connor, short story writer, Dublin, 1966; Konstantin Chernenko, General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party 1984-85, Moscow, 1985.

The Prince of Wales (King Edward VII) married Princess Alexandra of Denmark, 1863.

The Bakerloo Line opened on the London Underground, 1906.

Velázquez's *Rokeby Venus* in the National Gallery was damaged during suffragette demonstrations in London, 1914.

Invention could rid salmon of sea lice

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

A SAFE way of ridding salmon of sea lice, the scourge of the salmon industry, has been devised by British engineers.

The pests, which measure up to 8mm long, cling to and feed on the fish. In large numbers, they eat away at the heads of salmon and expose them to water-borne diseases.

Salmon farmers' only weapon against the louse is a pesticide called Aquaguard containing a chemical that is toxic to other marine organisms including shellfish. Aquaguard is permitted only with special licences. Details of the development were disclosed at the Great British Innovation and Inventions Fair at the NEC in Birmingham.

The new device, developed by Baxter Binnie and Maureen Glen, two engineers from Glasgow, could defeat the louse. It is being tested by scientists at Stirling University at about ten fish farms.

The invention hinges on the discovery that lice are sensitive to light. The "lure" floats in the water emitting a series of flashes, which attract the lice in large numbers.

The annual cost of treating an average fish farm using pesticides is about £150,000. The lures cost about £2,500 each. A farm would need between 10 and 20.

DAVID JONES

Douglas Buchanan wearing body armour of leather and titanium which he is showing at the innovations fair. Mr Buchanan, of Ludlow, Shropshire, has designed jewellery for the fashion designers Jasper Conran and Bruce Oldfield

Mr Clifford Graham

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Clifford Graham was held on Thursday, March 2, in the Chapel of Kings College London. The Rev Philip Chester officiated. Canon Eric James said the bidding. The Rev Richard Wilcox also said prayers.

Dr Philip Horniblow read from John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* and District Judge Isobel Plumstead from the works of John Donne. Judge Devlin, Mr Graham Hart, Permanent Secretary Department of Health, Professor Walter Holland, Mr Michael Bett, Professor Harold Baum and Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, gave addresses.

Major General Lionel Harrod

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Major General Lionel Harrod, Royal Regiment of Wales, will be held at 3.30pm on Saturday, April 22, 1995, at Llandaff Cathedral.

Lady Kelly

A Memorial Mass will be held for Lady Kelly (Marie-Noële) at 11.30am on April 6 at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Chelsea, 7 Cheyne Row.

Mr Louis Heren

A memorial service for Louis Heren, a former deputy editor of *The Times*, will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, March 28, at 11.30.

Lady Anne Cowdray was present at the memorial service for the late Viscount Cowdray held on Tuesday, March 7, in London.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the RAF Museum Restoration and Storage Centre, RAF Cardington, Bedfordshire, at 10.30; as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and President of the Natinal Playing Fields Association, will attend a luncheon at Southill Park, Biggleswade, at 12.20; and will visit the Shuttleworth collection of historic aircraft and vehicles at Old Warden at 1.45.

The Prince of Wales will open the new viewing galleries at the *Mary Rose*, Portsmouth, at 5.00.

Luncheon

Lord Mayor
To mark the visit by the President of Korea and Mrs Kim Young Sam the Corporation of London gave a luncheon yesterday at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:
Mr Gong Ro Myung, Dr Park Jae Yoon, Dr Sang Mok Suh, Dr Chung Kun Mo, the Korean Ambassador and Mrs Roe, Mr Koh Woo Sup, General Kim Dong Jin, Mr Kim Han Kyu, Mr Kim Kwang Suk, Mr Han Lee Hun, Ambassador Yoo Chong Ha, Mr Yoon Yeo Joon, Ambassador Moon Dong Suk, Mr Kim Suk Woo, Mr Han Tae Kyu, HM Ambassador to Korea and Mrs Harris, Lord Ashtown, Baroness Denton of Wakefield, Sir John Stanley, MP, and Lady Stanley, Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, and Mrs Goodlad, Sir John Wheeler, MP, and Lady Wheeler, General Sir Anthony and Lady Farrar-Hockley, Sir Jeffrey and Lady Petersen, Sir John and Lady Morgan, Vice-Admiral Sir James and the Hon Lady Weatherall, Major-General and Mrs Peter Downward, Mr and Mrs Lawrence Middleton, Mr and Mrs David Wright, the Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs George, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Members of Parliament, representatives of the Korean Embassy, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their guests.

Service dinners

Mounted Infantry Club
General Sir John Wilsey was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Mounted Infantry Club held last night at Boodle's. General Sir Frank Kitson presided. Mr Bill Andrewes was the guest speaker.

Southampton University Air Squadron
Air Marshal Sir Roger Austin, Controller Aircraft, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Southampton University Air Squadron held last night at RAF Boscombe Down. Squadron Leader G.S. Kennedy, Commanding Officer, presided. The Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, the Acting Vice-Chancellor of Portsmouth University and the Secretary and Registrar of Southampton University were among the guests.

Lecture

Jewish Book Council
Mr Joseph Heller yesterday delivered the annual George Webber memorial lecture to the Jewish Book Council at the Royal National Hotel as part of Jewish Book Week. Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, presided. Mrs Marion Cohen, chairman of the council, and Mrs Marilyn Lehrer, president, also spoke.

Latest wills

A further grant of probate in respect of settled land valued at £8,913,085 has been issued in the estate of Lord Methuen, of Corsham Court, Corsham, Wiltshire, who died on August 24 1994, leaving unsettled estate already valued at £1,329,604.

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Mr Peter Cooper, of Flixton, Blundeston, Suffolk ....£1,211,952.

Birthdays today

Prince Edward celebrates his 31st birthday today.

Sir Lawrence Airey, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 69; Sir Robert Bellinger, former president, National Savings Committee, 85; Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, 82; Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, 48; Mr Fou Ts'ong, concert pianist, 61; Sir Angus Fraser, former chairman, Board of Customs and Excise, 67; Dame Margaret Fry, former chairman, National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, 64; Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier, 61; Sir Samuel Goldman, civil servant, 83.

Sir Charles Hardie, chartered accountant, 85; Mr Warren Hawksley, MP, 52; Mr Hugh Johnson, wine expert, 56; General Sir John Learmont, 61; Mr Tony Leonard, Chief Constable, Humberside, 56; Mr Michael Montague, former chairman, English Tourist Board, 63; Mr Graeme Odgers, chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 61; Sir Michael Straker, former chairman, Northumbrian Water, 67; Captain Michael Torrens-Spence, former Lord Lieutenant of Armagh, 81; Mr Peter Wormald, Registrar General for England and Wales, 59.

Bentham School

The Board of Governors of Bentham School is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Tony Halliwell, currently senior housemaster at Rossall School and formerly housemaster at Lancaster Royal Grammar School, as the new headmaster of Bentham School from September 1, 1995, following the appointment of Mr Nicholas Ward as headmaster of the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.D. Anderson and Miss P.J. Brooks
The engagement is announced between Giles, eldest son of Mr David Anderson, of Duffield, Derbyshire, and Mrs David Aylwin, of Chobham, Surrey, and Philippa, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Anthony Brooks, of Plawhatch, West Sussex.

Mr J.E.C. Collyer and Miss M.L. Niedzwiecka
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs T.C. Collyer, of Burpham, West Sussex, and Melissa, daughter of Mr J. Niedzwiecki and the late Dina Giovanna Niedzwiecki, of Abruzzi, Italy.

Mr T.R. Constantine and Miss S.N. Aldridge
The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr R.L. Constantine, of Hayne Old Manor, Devon and the late Mrs Judith Constantine, and Saffron, daughter of Mr A. Aldridge, of Los Angeles, California and the late Mrs Rita Aldridge.

Mr S.M. Edwards and Miss A.F. Harper
The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs Mike Edwards, of Sedgley, West Midlands, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Harper, of Douglas, Isle of Man.

Mr C.E.J. Thomson and Miss E.H. Duncan
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Joyce Thomson and Carl Thomson, and Else, daughter of Lisbeth and Peter Duncan.

Colonel M.McI. Ayrton and Mrs N.S. Crichton
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr S. Ayrton and of Mrs S. Ayrton, of Chevin Court, Otley, Yorkshire, and Nicola, younger daughter of Wing Commander P.E. Berry, DFC, and Mrs Berry, of Loxley Cottage, Little Bookham, Surrey.

Mr A.M. Gale and Miss J.M. Gardner
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gale, of Albi, France, formerly of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Jessica, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gardner, of Aberystwyth, Wales.

Mr J. Palmkvist and Miss C. Andersson
The engagement is announced between Joakim Palmkvist and Cecilia Andersson.

Mr D. Pyle and Miss E.A. Heim
The engagement is announced between Duncan, youngest son of the late Mr Kenneth Pyle and of Mrs Pyle, of Washington Village, Tyne and Wear, and Andrea, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Heim, of Langport, Somerset.

Mr M.G. Street and Miss D.J. Bradshaw
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Squadron Leader and Mrs H.G. Street, of Lighthorne, Warwickshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L. Bradshaw, of Over Worton, Oxfordshire.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the hosts last night at a dinner held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Korea and Mrs Kim Young Sam. The other guests were:
Mr Gong Ro Myung, Dr Park Jae Yoon, Dr Chung Kun Mo, the Korean Ambassador and Mrs Roe, General Kim Dong Jin, Mr Kim Han Kyu, Mr Kim Kwang Suk, Mr Han Lee Hun, Ambassador Yoo Chong Ha, Mr Yoon Yeo Joon, Ambassador Moon Dong Suk, Mr Kim Suk Woo, Mr Han Tae Kyu, Mr Jong Hyon Chey, Mr Se Yung Chung, Mr Pyong Hwoi Koo, Mr Mahn Je Kim, Mr Kwang Ho Kim, Dr Brian Mawhinney, MP, and Mrs Mawhinney, Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, and Mr Goodlad, Mr Richard Needham, MP, and Mrs Needham, the Bishop of Ripon and Mrs Young, Sir John Stanley, MP, and Lady Stanley, General Sir Anthony and Lady Farrar-Hockley, Sir Jeffrey and Lady Petersen, Sir John and Lady Morgan, Sir Ralph and Lady Robins, Mr and Mrs John Guinness, Mr and Mrs Patrick O'Ferrall, Mr and Mrs Richard Turner, Mr and Mrs Alan Jones, Mr and Mrs Charles Mackay, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, Ms Gillian Widdicombe, Mr and Mrs Paul Findlay, Professor and Mrs Gareth Roberts, Mr and Mrs Jae Boc Lee, Mr and Mrs David Wright, Mr and Mrs Thomas Harris and Mr Edward Oakden.

Navy Board
Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, presided at a Navy Board Lent Term dinner held last night at Admiralty House. Among those present were:
The Speaker, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, Admiral Sir Hugo White, Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere, Sir Dudley Smith, MP, Vice-Admiral R Walmsley, Rear-Admiral J Brigstocke, Mr J M Stewart, the Dean of Westminster, Professor Colin Grey, Mr Martin Jay, Mr Dennis Silk and Miss Kate Adie.

Old Mancunians Association
Mr I.P. Millar presided at the annual dinner of the London section of the Old Mancunians Association held last night at Armoury House. Mr J.A. Hamer and Dr Martin Stephen, High Master of Manchester Grammar School, were the principal guests and speakers.

Association of Project Managers
Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson presided at the tenth annual dinner of the Association of Project Managers held last night at the Savoy Hotel. The Hon Sir Timothy Sainsbury, MP, was the principal speaker. Lady Finniston and Dr Peter Morris, Association Chairman, were among the 500 members and guests. The dinner followed the annual Association Awards of prizes for outstanding projects and project management including the prestigious Sir Monty Finniston Award sponsored by IBM.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Nicholas Watson, Assistant Curate, Benfieldside, Shotley Bridge, Consett: to be licensed to the Rural Dean of Stockton for ministry in the Conventional District of Holy Trinity, Greenvale: and to be Chaplain to Ian Ramsey (Church of England Aided) Comprehensive School, Stockton (Durham).

The Rev Mary Yewdall, Assistant Curate (NSM), Norton: to be licensed to the deanery of Bulmer and Malton to have pastoral care of Whitwell, Crambe and Foston (York). The Rev Jeremy Valentine is to have pastoral care of Flaxton, and the Rev Ted Chapman to have pastoral care of Huttons Ambo, same diocese.

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Martin Brown, Rector, Darfield, Barnsley (Shefield): to resign as from March 31.

The Rev Roy Greenwood, Chaplain of Puerto Pollensa, Majorca (Europe): to retire from July 31.

The Rev Trevor Hudson, Vicar, St Mary, Worsbrough, Barnsley (Sheffield): to retire from June 30.

The Rev Keith Lingard, Rector, Morcott w Glaston and Bisbrooke (Peterborough): to retire as from May 31.

The Rev Derek Turnham, Team Rector, Thornaby-on-Tees Team Ministry (York): resigned as from March 1.

The Rev Laurence Watson, Vicar, Holy Cross, Billesley (Birmingham): to retire as from May 31.

The Rev Helen Woodhead, Assistant Curate, Godalming and Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Guildford): to be Assistant Curate, Worplesdon, with special responsibility for St Albans, Wood Street, Guildford, and continue as Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands, same diocese.

The Rev John Wynburne, Vicar, St Michael's, Yorktown, Camberley (Guildford): to be Team Rector, Beaconsfield (Oxford).

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Seek the Lord, all in the land who live humbly, obeying his laws; seek righteousness, seek humility; it may be that you will find shelter on the day of the Lord's anger.
Zephaniah 2 : 3 (REB)

BIRTHS

BALDWIN - On Friday March 3rd, to Louise and Kevin, a son, Stephen James, a brother for Samantha and Emily.

BERGER - On 3rd March 1995, to Nicky and Antony, a son, Fergus Hugo Romilly, a brother for Bertie and Tom.

CHISHOLM - On March 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Lindsay (née Fleming) and Patrick, a son, Harry James.

CORRIE - On March 7th to Hugo and Marion (née Chilver) a son, George Thomas.

DOYLE - On 2nd March 1995, to Ali and Alan, a son, Alexander Thomas Charles. Many thanks to all the staff at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

DRAPER - On 6th March, in Singapore, to Sandra (née Lippiatt) and Christopher, a son, Charles Frederick.

FRASER - On March 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Morven (née Kinley) and Jason, a beautiful baby daughter, Helena Elizabeth Donalda.

GOODER - On 4th March, to Victoria (née Ewen) and Ben, a son, a brother for Isobel.

MORSE - On March 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Mina and Sam, a son, a baby brother for Alexander.

NEILL - On March 6th at The Portland Hospital, to proud parents Sandra and Robert, a fine healthy son, Thomas Hepburn.

TOWNSEND-WILLIAMS - Moira and Michael are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby boy, Dylan Arthur Oliver, born at St Mary's, Paddington, on Monday 6th March 7.27 pm.

WARLEY - On 26th February 1995 at Salisbury District Hospital, to Philippa (née Swayne) and Anthony, twin daughters, Francesca Jean and Annabel Lesley.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CAWDELL:DAWE - Ray and Irene. On 10th March 1945, St Luke's Church, Kentish Town. Now at Eastbourne.

DEATHS

ADLER - Ota Adler CBE, on March 8th 1995 peacefully at the Royal Brompton and National Heart Hospital. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Sunday 12th March at 10.30 am for family and close friends. No flowers please. If desired donations may be sent to a charity of your choice.

BAYLEY - Derek ("Bill") of The Chantry, Monmouth, on March 7th, peacefully at Monmouth Hospital, aged 86. Funeral 3 pm Tuesday March 14th at Hereford Crematorium. Donations to The National Trust.

BROOK - On March 4th peacefully at home in Middleton, Suffolk, Moira Hainsworth, missed by all her friends. Funeral Service at Middleton Parish Church on Thursday March 16th at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Donations if desired made payable to the R.S.P.C.A. c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

COPELAND - On March 4th 1995, suddenly but peacefully while on holiday in Zermatt, Robin, aged 70. Dearly loved husband of Priscilla and father of Annabel, Julia and Martin. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, High Hurstwood, on Friday March 17th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for High Hurstwood P.C.C. or British Diabetic Association c/o Paul Rysouth Funeral Services, Croft Road, Crowborough, Sussex, tel: (01892) 655000.

CUTHBERT - On 6th March 1995, at Dalnair House, Croftamie, Stirlingshire, Elspeth Moncrieff, formerly of Kerrix, Killearn, peacefully aged 88, widow of Alan Dalrymple and mother of the late William and of Bess and Johnnie. Funeral at Killearn Kirk on Monday 13th March at 11.30 am and burial thereafter at Killearn Cemetery.

EARLE - Wyndham (Wizard) peacefully at home on March 7th, aged 89. A unique character who will be greatly missed. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium at 12.30 pm Thursday March 16th.

GAMBLE - On March 7th 1995 at Sidmouth Nursing Home, Devon, Anthony Quentin Gamble T.D., aged 84 years, formerly of Chagford, dearly loved husband of Rosemary and father of Margaret. Funeral Service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Thursday March 16th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation c/o Northcott Brothers, Church Street, Sidford, Sidmouth, Devon.

GRAHAM - On March 8th, peacefully at home after a short illness, Walter Gerald CBE. Dearly loved husband of Anne, father of Colin, Harriet and Alan and a dear grandfather. Cremation at The Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex, on Monday March 13th at 12.45 pm. Family and close friends only. No flowers.

HALL - Tom, on January 25th, with great courage and good humour, peacefully at home, aged 82. Much loved husband of Olwen and dearest friend and father of Lesley Susan. Donations in memory and thanksgiving for his life, if desired, to the RAF Association.

HARVEY - Frank peacefully at home aged 86 years. The beloved husband of the late Tiggie Harvey and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham, at 3.30 pm on Monday 13th March. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to "Injured Jockeys Fund" c/o Daniel Robinson and Sons Ltd., 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 3AL.

IVENS - Simon Michael. On Tuesday 7th March in hospital. Son of Michael William and Rosalie Joy, brother of Yvette, Martin and David. Requiem Mass 3pm Tuesday March 14th at St Edward the Confessor Church, London NW11 followed by a private cremation.

LAMBERT - John, Composer and Teacher, peacefully at home on 7th March 1995, aged 68. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels, Brighton, 2.15 pm on Friday 17th March, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations to The Musicians Benevolent Fund c/o Hanningtons F/D, 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove, tel: (01273) 778733.

MacDOUGALL - Margaret (formerly Hall, née Linfoot) peacefully at home on 8th March aged 84. Dearly loved wife of Donald, mother of Felicity and Anthea, grandmother of David, James, Ivan, Robert and Lara, stepmother of John and Mary. Service St Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, Pimlico, on Tuesday 14th March at 5.30 pm, followed by refreshments in the adjacent Swinton Gallery, 33 Warwick Square. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Age Concern Westminster, 4 Frampton Street, Lisson Grove, NW8 4LF.

MAYHEW - On 7th March 1995, peacefully at home in Edenbridge, Mrs Constance Mary, aged 88 years. Widow of Lt. Cmdr. Malcolm F. Mayhew R.N.V.R. Funeral at Eastbourne Crematorium at 9.15 am on Monday 20th March. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

NESS - Lady Brigid (née Guinness) died at home with her family on March 8th. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Albury, Ware, Hertfordshire, on Tuesday 14th March at 12.30 pm. Flowers to: Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd., 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford. tel: (0279) 655477.

NICHOLS - Peacefully on 4th March 1995, Rose Florence, aged 94 years. Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private family funeral.

PICKLES - (née Dunn) on Wednesday 8th March, Hilda Mary, of Armathwaite, Cumbria. Aged 81 years. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, High Hesket, on Tuesday 14th March at 2pm, followed by later private cremation. Please no flowers. If desired donations to Eden Valley Hospice c/o Walker's Funeral Directors, Tynefield House, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 8HY.

SEAL - On Saturday March 4th, Ray, tragically at their home, aged only 36 years, much beloved husband of Miranda and every member of his family. Funeral at Christ Church, Chorleywood, Herts., March 14th at 11 am. Flowers to Macleans Funeral Home, 857 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford, Herts. (0923) 894116.

SEYMOUR - On March 9th, Col. William Arthur Seymour OBE, BA, FRICS, aged 83. Much loved husband of Marjorie and father of Jacqueline and Fenella.

SNEATH - Graham Rupert, QC, OBE, on 7th March 1995, in Boston, Lincs., following a stroke, aged 70. Very much loved and missed by his family and all his many friends, here and overseas. All are very welcome to the funeral service at All Saints Church, Weston, Bath, Avon, at midday on Wednesday 22nd March 1995 and afterwards to a reception. Flowers or donations for the Boston Pilgrim Hospital MRI Scanner Appeal to Messrs Jollys of 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath, tel: (0225) 426822.

SOULBY - Albert Edward died March 8th 1995, aged 92 years, late of the West Derby area, Liverpool. We wish to inform all his many friends of Mr Soulby's passing. All enquiries to W. Craven Ltd., Broadgreen Road, Liverpool 13, tel: (0151) 228-3900.

TURNER INMAN - Robert aged 15 years, peacefully at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, on 4th March 1995, after a very courageous three year fight against leukaemia. Beloved older son of Mary and William and brother of Nicola and James. Service at Worth Abbey, Crawley, Sussex, at 11.30 am on Wednesday 15th March, followed by burial at Cuckfield. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Leukaemia Research Fund c/o P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, tel: (01444) 451166.

TYLDEN-WRIGHT - On 8th March, Beryl Mary, peacefully at home, beloved wife of the late Guy Maxwell Tylden-Wright and adored mother of Louise and Garry, grandmother of Emily, Jules, Tasha, great-grandmother of Indigo and Huckleberry. Funeral Service 16th March 11.30 am St Peter's Church, Firle. Flowers to Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, (0825) 763241.

WHITE - On March 3rd 1995, peacefully, Captain Richard Taylor White DSO, RN (retd), much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation has taken place. Donations, if desired, to King George's Fund for Sailors.

WILKS - Gilbert A.K. Wilks F.R.I.C.S., F.V.A., on March 6th painlessly at Trinity Hospice, SW17, aged 84, very close brother of Eileen and much loved by his niece Nicola and nephew Brian. Funeral Service at Lambeth Crematorium, Blackshaw Road, SW17, on Monday 13th March at 2 pm. Flowers to Larners, 117 Fulham Road, London SW11.

ZAVALANI - On March 5th peacefully and fortified by the Rites of the Church, Maria Selma, widow of Tajar. Born Vrioni in Fieri, Albania, former BBC wartime broadcaster, monarchist and Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Geraldine. Requiem Mass at London Oratory 11 am 15th March followed by interment at Kensal Green. Enquiries to John Nodes Fun. Dir. (0181) 969-1819. No flowers, but donations if desired to the Latin Mass Society, 11-13 Macklin St., London WC2B 5NH.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN LAMBERT

John Lambert, composer, died from cancer of the liver in Brighton on March 7 aged 68. He was born in Maidenhead on July 15, 1926.

THE number of composers whose talents have stayed unsung through their own lifetimes and afterwards is legion. Few, however, can have suffered such unjustified neglect as John Lambert. His fundamental problem was his failure to establish a satisfactory and lasting relationship with a publisher. Consequently, performances of his music tended to be few and far between and second performances even fewer and farther between. Fate thus dictated that it was as a teacher that Lambert became best known, indeed almost universally revered.

But posterity, if there is any justice, will give us a different perspective, and with the imminent release of a compact disc containing a representative selection — the first — of his work on the NMC label, there is already hope that the wider musical world will at last take note. It was with great satisfaction that Lambert, already seriously ill, took on the task of producing the disc himself.

His output was relatively small, but each piece is a deeply considered, finely crafted statement, original in form and often reflecting his own ability to look at the world from a slightly different perspective from most people — as his chamber opera *A Family Affair* (1988), which concerns itself with issues of incest, indicates.

He regarded as his most substantial achievement his cycle of five works for chamber ensemble called *Sea-Changes*, finished only last summer. The individual titles of each work — *Waves, Time and Tides, Melodies and Drones, Accents* and *Mutations* — illustrates their formal concerns. Shape and the notion of transformation were everything in Lambert's music. There are also two fine string quartets, and two impressive large-scale orchestral works, *Formations* and *Transformations* (a Proms commission in 1973) and *Seasons*, commissioned by the Royal College of Music for its centenary in 1982 and revised in 1984. On a smaller scale, the solo trumpet piece *Slide* (1989) shows his relish for exploiting virtuoso technique as well as a certain dark humour; while he was an eloquent composer for voice, scrupulous in his choices of text.

Lambert's personality was a combination of sometimes over-fussy meticulousness — he would ensure at dinner that the place settings were just so — with a relish for good living and a generosity of spirit that he willingly extended to his many pupils and friends.

Scarcely a single name among the most prominent of younger British composers could not be associated with his teaching. Javier Alvarez, Avril Anderson, Julian Anderson, Simon Bainbridge, Richard Blackford, Gary Carpenter, David Fanshawe, Oliver Knussen, Jonathan Lloyd, Barrington Pheloung, David Sutton-Anderson, Mark Anthony Turnage were all among those who came under his direct influence at the Royal College of Music, where he taught, sometimes flying in the face of a notoriously conservative establishment, for many years.

John Arthur Neil Lambert tended to regard his pupils as if they were his own growing children, converting the initial advisory relationship into enduring friendships easily and willingly. From him they learnt the importance of the fastidiousness he cultivated during his own time of study, thanks to a Mendelssohn Scholarship, in Paris with Nadia Boulanger, which followed study at the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music in London in the war and immediate postwar years. Boulanger provided him with a bedrock and Paris opened doors to relationships with the likes of Pierre Boulez, Henri Dutilleux, Gyorgy Ligeti and Maurice Ohana.

Importantly, his pupils were encouraged to explore their own natural language freely. Though Lambert was himself what today would be called a modernist, he never imposed any party line. Students were also confronted with an admirable, genuinely liberal outlook.

His duties at the RCM included running the Experimental Music Group. He would encourage the small audiences at their concerts by passing round a bag of sweets, and on one occasion, in answer to a request from a particularly elegant and eager applicant, was reported to have replied after a swift, expert appraisal: "Yes, I think you are just about tall enough."

No doubt, such moments owed something to his sense of theatre; he was Director of Music at the Old Vic from 1958 to 1962. For nearly thirty years he also fulfilled the duties of Organist and Director of Music at the church of St Vedast, Foster Lane, in the City. For a time he was disposed towards the Anglo-Catholic wing of the Church of England; but he experienced a gradual loss of faith, going so far in the mid-1980s as to express a dislike for the "narrowness of outlook and isolation of the intellect" that he saw doctrine or dogma engendering. A more general spirituality, however, was never something entirely alien to him.

Lambert faced his impending death with a calm and lucid courage that took by surprise even those who knew him to be one who, for all his idealistic visions, always confronted realities head-on. He was nursed through his long illness with exemplary devotion by his long-standing friend, the organist Timothy Bond, with whom he shared a magnificent house in Brighton and a vast affection for their two cats.

MARGARET HALL

Margaret Hall, economist, died in London on March 8 aged 84. She was born in Sheffield on August 27, 1910.

MARGARET HALL packed several careers into a long working life: fellow and tutor of Somerville College, 1949-75, university lecturer, writer, teacher and member of numerous national committees concerned with economic problems. She was a woman of immense intellectual rigour which she combined with a disarming femininity.

It was as a teacher that she was probably most in her element. In her days as a tutor, those taking PPE at Oxford had to read all three subjects, and philosophy and politics students were not always at ease with the subject of economics. It was to her credit that she inspired not only the gifted economists, but those who found the subject decidedly hard going. She had a logical mind, as one observer put it "honed to a point of almost surgical incisiveness". Shirley Williams described her as one of the two teachers who made a real impact upon her.

She was a liberal influence in the Senior Common Room and turned an indulgent eye to the high spirits of her students. She and her friend, the Baudelaire scholar Enid Starkie, fought for the new ruling, in 1964, by which undergraduates were allowed keys with which to let themselves in late at night. She was also in favour of Somerville becoming a mixed college a good twenty years before this came to pass. And she was an excellent moral tutor, shrewd and witty: "My dear, if your chosen profession is breaking and entering, perhaps you should study it at some other institution than Oxford," was how she dismissed one student who had occupied a university building in political protest. But she was also compassionate and another student, a notorious late-riser, was roused from her bed and rushed to her exams at the last moment.

As an economist her speciality was distributive trades. She believed that markets were imperfectly competitive and dynamic — "competition is about killing off the competition," she would say — and that wholesalers and retailers had a key role to play in the country's economy, being the conduit between producers and customers. She was dismissive of any argument which distinguished between goods and services.

In this context, Lord Kaldor's selective employment tax, introduced in 1966 and aimed at service employers, came in for her particular scorn, and she published an essay in *The Times* on the subject in 1970. She remained an unreconstructed Keynesian and she gave a series of well-attended lectures on the British economy at Oxford. Her numerous publications included her magnum opus, *Distribution in Great Britain and North America*, co-written with John Knapp and Christopher Winsten (1961).

Among the many committees on which she sat was the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 1973-76. She used her seat on these councils and commissions to press for various reforms, one of which was the abolition of resale price maintenance. Edward Heath, when he was President of the Board of Trade in 1963-64, was influenced by her private paper on this subject.

Laura Margaret Linfoot was the daughter of George Linfoot, a conductor who established the music department at Sheffield University. She was educated at Sheffield Girls' High School and at High Storrs Grammar School, where she was a brilliant pupil, and also good at hockey, tennis and acting. She went up to Somerville in 1929 as an exhibitioner to read PPE and was later elected to a college scholarship. Having gained a first, she married her tutor, Robert Hall (later Economic Adviser to the Government), and began teaching.

She had an eventful war, her husband having persuaded her to take their children to his birthplace, Australia. After the convoy on which they crossed the Atlantic was attacked by U-boats, she finally reached Australia, left her children with her sister-in-law in Queensland, and determined to return to England alone. She got as far as Washington where, then penniless, she found work in the Office of Price Administration.

She returned to England only after the war. A lectureship at Lincoln College, Oxford, 1946-47, was followed by one at Somerville, 1947-49, after which she was elected a fellow and tutor of the college. She was elected an honorary fellow on her retirement in 1975.

In later years she acted as consultant to the National Economic Development Office and to the Distillers Company. She also took up trout fishing, spending her summers in Scotland and Ireland, and kept up an excellent game of tennis.

Her first marriage was dissolved in 1968 and she married, secondly, in 1977, the economist Sir Donald MacDougall. He survives her, together with two daughters from her first marriage.

JOHN PRICE

John Price, CVO, Director of Information for Nato, 1967-72, died on March 1 aged 79. He was born on July 25, 1915.

JOHN PRICE, Nato's Director of Information for five years in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and before that Information Counsellor in the British Embassy in Bonn, was a government information specialist of the old school. Today's world of "spin doctors" would have been entirely alien to him.

John Lister Willis Price was the son of a Church of England clergyman. He was educated at Bradfield and New College, Oxford, where he read PPE. Just before the war, convalescence from pneumonia took him to Wengen, in the Bernese Oberland, where he discovered a love of skiing and mountain walking that was to brighten his life almost to its end.

In 1940 Price joined the Royal Signals. He served with them throughout the war, taking part in the 1944-45 advance from Normandy through the Low Countries into Germany, his last contribution to the campaign being to orchestrate the complex amplification arrangements for Montgomery's victory speech to his men.

In 1946, at the age of 31, Price joined the Foreign Service. His first appointment was to the News Department in the Foreign Office in London. News Department was then, as it is today, an advance post in the firing-line that separates diplomacy and journalism, superficially so similar but in fact such very different occupations. To go there on first appointment to the Foreign Service was a baptism of fire, which Price admirably withstood.

His reward was a posting to the Embassy in Paris. Appointments in the Foreign Office, in Sofia and again in London, followed. Then in 1962 he was appointed to one of the most significant positions open to an information specialist in the Foreign Service: head of British Information Services in Germany.

The job was a demanding one. Bonn was already on its way to becoming one of the most powerful capitals in Europe, a source of news and a magnet to journalists. But the principal German papers had their headquarters elsewhere: in Frankfurt, Munich, Hamburg, Stuttgart and Berlin. Price was faced with co-ordinating information work right across the Federal Republic. And although it was still well-disposed towards Britain, the German press had cast off its postwar near-tutelage. In his four years in Bonn Price proved himself more than equal to the difficulties of the job.

He faced one particular challenge. In May 1965 the Queen paid a nine-day state visit to the Federal Republic. It was her first — and as significant in its day as the visit she paid to a reunited Germany nearly thirty years later. Both Governments saw it as a mark of postwar reconciliation but to much British opinion it was seriously controversial. Its treatment by the British and German press alike was crucially important. Price played his part in the visit to general satisfaction, and was appointed CVO at its conclusion.

He left Bonn in 1966 and spent a year at the Imperial Defence College, now the Royal College of Defence Studies, in London. From there he went on secondment to Nato in Brussels, where he spent five years as the Alliance's Director of Information. Like Bonn, it was a testing appointment, the more so because of the treacle-like nature of almost any international organisation.

In 1972 Price retired from Nato, and from the public service. For seven years thereafter he directed the Merseyside Development Office in London. Merseyside's story was at that time at its most dispiriting, and the task was as demanding in its way as that of representing British policy to the German press or Nato policy to the newshounds of the world.

In 1940 Price married Frances Holland, by whom he had a son and a daughter. The marriage ended in divorce in 1967. In retirement Price lived quietly in Sussex, the routine of his life punctuated with regular returns to the mountains that he loved.

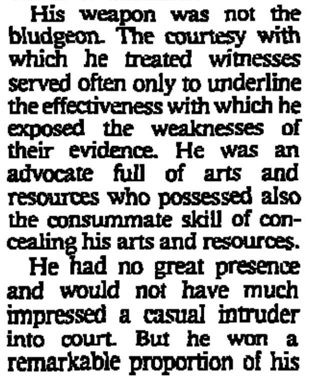
SIR RAYMOND JENNINGS

Sir Raymond Jennings, QC, Master of the Court of Protection, 1956-70, died on March 6 aged 97. He was born on December 12, 1897.

RAYMOND JENNINGS was a man of considerable intellect, of wise and objective judgment, of robust character and of endearing charm in his relations with others. He had all the qualities to have made an excellent High Court judge. But for a dearth of vacancies at the appropriate time he would doubtless have become one.

The son of Sir Arthur Oldham Jennings, Raymond Winter Jennings was educated at Rugby, RMC Sandhurst and Oriel College, Oxford. He served with the Royal Fusiliers in the First World War. On leaving Oxford he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn. When some thirty years later he became a bencher he performed invaluable service as Master of the Moots and generally in relation to the students of the Inn.

His early practice was in Norman Birkett's chambers at the Common Law Bar but he later transferred to Gavin Simonds's chambers in the Chancery Division. By 1945 he had acquired probably the largest junior practice at the Chancery Bar and that year he took silk. He was soon a success in the front row, where he combined a profound knowledge of the law with a reputation as a most dangerous cross-examiner.



His weapon was not the bludgeon. The courtesy with which he treated witnesses served often only to underline the effectiveness with which he exposed the weaknesses of their evidence. He was an advocate full of arts and resources who possessed also the consummate skill of concealing his arts and resources.

He had no great presence and would not have much impressed a casual intruder into court. But he won a remarkable proportion of his cases. He was immensely thorough in preparation, lucid in exposition, unruffled in demeanour, adroit in tactics and firm in presentation.

In 1951, six years after Jennings had taken silk, Gerald Upjohn was appointed a judge of the Chancery Division. For the next nine years, by a freak of circumstance, there were no further appointments to the Chancery bench. In 1956 Jennings was persuaded at the age of 59, perhaps ill-advisedly, to accept the post of Master of the Court of Protection.

Had he refused, he would surely later have become a High Court judge. Indeed, strong representations were made in favour of his appointment, even after he had become Master of the Court of Protection. To this office he gave 14 years of outstanding and devoted service. He found the department an unhappy one. He left it reorganised, contented and yet more efficient. He was knighted in 1968.

He was a man of wide interests: a talented violinist in his youth, a keen skier, lawn tennis player and fisherman, a good judge of wine, a pillar of local society in the Box Hill area, where for many years he lived before moving to the South Coast.

He married in 1930 Sheila Grant, who died in 1972. He leaves a son and a daughter.

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"Points from Letters" was a column up to the early 1950s. Some subjects are especially favoured by our correspondents — road costs and British salesmanship have often been debated during the past 60 years.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

WATERLOO BRIDGE

Is it not possible to design a bridge of one span — a miniature Sydney bridge? This would overcome the difficulty due to the high level of the roadway, and at the same time would provide an effective contrast to King's College and Somerset House. It is impossible to improve upon or even to match Rennie's masterpiece in so far as the adjoining architecture is concerned.——MR. FRANCIS J. WHITE, Lyndhurst, North Harrow, Middlesex.

COMBED OUT

Your correspondent who wants to know where he can get a fine tooth-comb should try the shop where they sell camels' hair-brushes.——DR. W. T. CALMAN, 74, Church-street, Kensington.

COST OF THE ROADS

Nothing is more misleading than to quote the totals for the annual cost of the roads and the annual taxation of motorists without any classification. For many years millions have been spent not merely on maintenance and renewals, but on the costly task of making the main roads wide enough and strong enough for heavy commercial vehicles. Of these millions a large part has been contributed by the private car owner. Will some one explain why the light touring car requires expensive wide concrete roads many inches thick and how it manages to damage such roads and, incidentally, adjacent house property? The railways have good cause for arguing that the light car subsidises the heavy vehicle. In any case, to quote large total sums is inconclusive. It would be much more interesting and to the point to learn the tax paid per mile by, say, one of the Cornish flower lorries.——MR. J. W. B. HUNT, 25, Victoria-street, S.W.1.

RAIDERS OF THE FRUIT BUDS

Mr. MacAllister has misunderstood the letter you were good enough to publish for me. I did not mean to convey that the pear tree buds were devoured by the tits. That, indeed, would imply a race of Brobdingnagian proportions, judging from the quantity and size of the buds left on the ground. The question is what causes the tit to do such harm. Is it the spirit of pure wantonness? Or does the bird extract some titillating essence from the buds?——Mr. A. RUSSELL SMITH, Holly Croft, Forest Row, Sussex.

WASP STING IN MARCH

A member of my household was roused from slumber last night by a sharp pain in the hand, and it was subsequently discovered that she had been stung by a wasp. Is it not most unusual for the queen wasp to open a campaign in mid-winter? I shall be glad to exhibit the corpse to any interested person.——Mr. R. SAUNDERSON, 27, Ladbroke-square, W.11.

BRITISH SALESMANSHIP ABROAD

My firm had urgent need of a fairly large number of electric motors of a special type. We know of two suitable models, one British, the other German. The respective firms were addressed on the same day. A detailed reply was received from the German firm in five days, whereas we waited 10 days for the one we were most interested in. Always preferring to buy British if possible——and it easily was in this instance owing to the fall in the pound——I made a special trip to England to inspect the motor and arrange the order. Difficulties were raised over the question of rapid delivery, and at this point I received a telegraph telling me that a representative of the German firm had visited Paris, successfully demonstrated his motor, and agreed to the special delivery. So the order went to Germany. *Que voulez-vous?*——Mr. E. G. REED, 41, Avenue de Versailles, Paris 15.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Clinton to let Adams raise funds

■ *President Clinton rebuffed the British Government by* granting Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein President, permission to raise funds in America and inviting him to a St Patrick's Day reception at the White House next Friday.

The decision prompted immediate disapproval in London, *with Downing Street pointing out that* Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had this week advised against *such a move while on a visit to* Washington..................**Page 1**

Judge to decide on life-saving therapy

■ The future of a ten-year-old girl with leukaemia will be decided by a High Court judge today. Mr Justice Laws will rule *whether to order a district health authority to pay for* chemotherapy and a second bone marrow transplant, costing £75,000, *that could save her life*..................**Page 1**

Curbs on games

The world's largest computer games manufacturers, Nintendo and Sega, face tough curbs after being severely criticised for operating against the public interest in their pricing..................**Page 2**

MP's future in doubt

Robert Hughes, who resigned from the Government on Monday, is to be summoned to an emergency meeting of his constituency executive after new disclosures *cast serious doubt* on his future as an MP..................**Page 3**

Helicopter order

The Government *has announced* a £1.2 billion order for 36 RAF *transport helicopters. It admitted* it had opted for the more expensive of two choices..................**Page 5**

Howard incites fury

Michael Howard has provoked *fury among probation officers* by suggesting community sentences *are a soft option*..................**Page 6**

Wigging unlikely

The Lord Chancellor is to end the lengthy and heated debate on wigs with a decision this month that solicitor-advocates will remain bare-headed..................**Page 8**

Immigration victory

The Government won a significant victory in the High Court when a judge ruled that Britain has the right to impose immigration controls on travellers from European Union states....**Page 9**

Treatment inquiry

The Government has ordered a regional health authority to explain why a man who suffered head injuries in a hit-and-run accident in Kent had to be flown 200 miles for treatment in Leeds. The man later died..........**Page 10**

Resignation call

Tory MPs demanded the resignation of Greville Janner, the Lab*our MP chairing the inquiries* into "fat cat" salaries, because he is director of a company that helps the same chief executives to improve their presentational skills..................**Page 11**

Bomber identified

The man who built the bomb that exploded in the centre of Johannesburg *last* year, killing nine, has been revealed in court to be a *police informer*..................**Page 12**

PLO visit off

Britain backed down in the face of Israeli resistance to a ministerial visit to the Jerusalem headquar*ters of the Palestine Liberation* Organisation..................**Page 13**

Europe's future

Wolfgang Schäuble, Germany's most infuential behind-the-scenes thinker on Europe, has urged greater powers for the Strasbourg parliament..................**Page 14**

Croatia backs down

Croatia appears to be backing down from its threat to expel UN peacekeepers..................**Page 15**

Easter surprise on church posters

■ The symbol of the cross has been dropped by the Churches Advertising Network because it carries "too much cultural baggage". Instead, posters will display the word "Surprise!" Kate Grieves, an advertising manager who helped to mastermind the campaign, asked: "What is this obsession with the Cross?"..................**Page 1**

JAMES MORGAN

Mrs Kim, wife of the President of South Korea, meets Cecilia Dumont, 11 months, at her nursery school in west London. Page 6

BUSINESS

Post Office: The Government *should establish the Post Office as a* public limited company, an influential *committee of MPs* urged..................***Page 23***

Baring: The Singapore authorities have secretly blacklisted former colleagues of Nick Leeson, the Barings's trader..................**Page 23**

Executive pay: Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of Kingfisher, the troubled retailing group, *has taken a 33 per cent pay cut* following shareholder *dissatisfaction*..................**Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 5.2 points to close at 2986.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 86.0 to 85.9 after a fall from $1.6220 to $1.6185 and from DM 2.2489 to DM2.2481..................**Page 26**

SPORT

Cricket: Raymond Illingworth is coming to *terms* with *his appointment* as the manager of the England team. *The chain of command now begins* and ends at his *desk*..................**Page 44**

Football: David Miller looks at the career of Roy Evans, the former apprentice who has taken Liverpool to the brink of glory in three competitions..................**Page 40**

Rugby union: Wales have made three changes to their team for the match against Ireland on Saturday, March 18..................**Page 41**

Racing: David Nicholson, the champion National Hunt trainer, was fined £1,500 for using threatening behaviour towards a photographer at Kempton Park last December..................**Page 39**

FEATURES

The Rt Rev Derek Rawcliffe: The *bishop who outed himself* talks to Valerie Grove..................**Page 16**

Marcia Clark: *The O.J. Simpson* case has thrown up yet another sub-plot: whether a working woman can be a good mother. Ben Macintyre reports..................**Page 17**

Love all: Anne McElvoy on matchmaking twin towns..................**Page 17**

INFOTECH

Network city: With *Antwerp wired* up with optical fibres, the city can *start such services as sending* patient records from one hospital *to another*..................**Page 30**

Non-sticky fingers: IBM has found a way of reducing the size of a portable computer without making the keyboard smaller..................**Page 30**

ARTS

Great Greek: Sara Mair Thomas as Electra is one of the successes of Laurence Boswell's rough-theatre production of Euripides for the Gate Theatre..................**Page 33**

Love machine: "I don't care what country you're in. Everyone understands making love." Barry White is back..................**Page 35**

Rave of the week: "Last night, Luscious Jackson saved my life." Caitlin Moran discovers New York's female popsters..................**Page 36**

Dances with death: Kim Brandstrup's new work for Arc Dance Company, *Saints and Shadows*, has been premiered at Sadler's Wells Theatre..................**Page 33**

THE PAPERS

The currency and stock market tur*moil which accompanied the deval*uation of the peseta and the escudo *has* once again forced politicians to consider the wisdom of moving at top speed towards monetary union. Where there is a choice between political ambition and economic reality, the latter should always prevail — *The European*

It is not clear that Pakistan will sign the nuclear accord or improve its human rights record. But it is clear that terrorists may wish *to oppose those* aims. As we mourn the brutal murder of two American consular workers in Pakistan, we must remember that worthwhile goals are *sometimes* attained only at a high price — *USA Today*

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ ***FILIAL ANGUISH***
Lynne Truss reviews a book of portraits of mothers by their daughters

■ **BRIGHT SPOT**
Village noticeboards, hunting and Oprah Winfrey ... all in Anne Robinson's diary

TV LISTINGS

Preview: In Mozambique, landmines are still crippling children. *Billy Connolly's Return to Nose and Beak* (BBC1, 9.30pm). **Review:** *Lynne Truss* finds that her Handel arias make ITV's *Chiller* even spookier..................**Page 43**

OPINION

The clause awa'

Tony Blair faces what *might be his* first serious defeat since he won the Labour Party *leadership*. Unfortunately for him, the more powerful his speech, the more determined Scottish party members may be to rebel..................**Page 19**

A diplomatic excuse

Yitzhak Rabin is under massive electoral pressure for even attempting to find a compromise over Jerusalem. John Major's task should be to encourage his search, not to undermine him..................**Page 19**

Over to Illy

Illingworth brings with him the *cutting edge of pride.* Our cricketers could learn a thing or two from *him — and also win a Test or two* for him..................**Page 19**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

"Sir Robin told us that . . . it may be in Hong Kong's best interests not to allow anti-Peking activities in the territory ... I hope to make more visits before the takeover, and it is well known that I am given to speaking my mind..................**Page 18**

PHILIP HOWARD

Cedric Brown, the handsomely remunerated chief executive of British Gas, has enlivened our egalitarian British rage about other men's payslips by his first name..................**Page 18**

GEOFFREY WHEATCROFT

"When Eric Hogsbawm tries to *defend his political career he talks* a kind of nonsense which would seem absurd from a less clever man, and might seem odious from a man with less charm."...**Page 18**

OBITUARIES

John Lambert, composer; **Margaret Hall**, economist; **John Price**, former Director of Information, Nato; **Sir Raymond Jennings**, former Master of the Court of Protection..................**Page 21**

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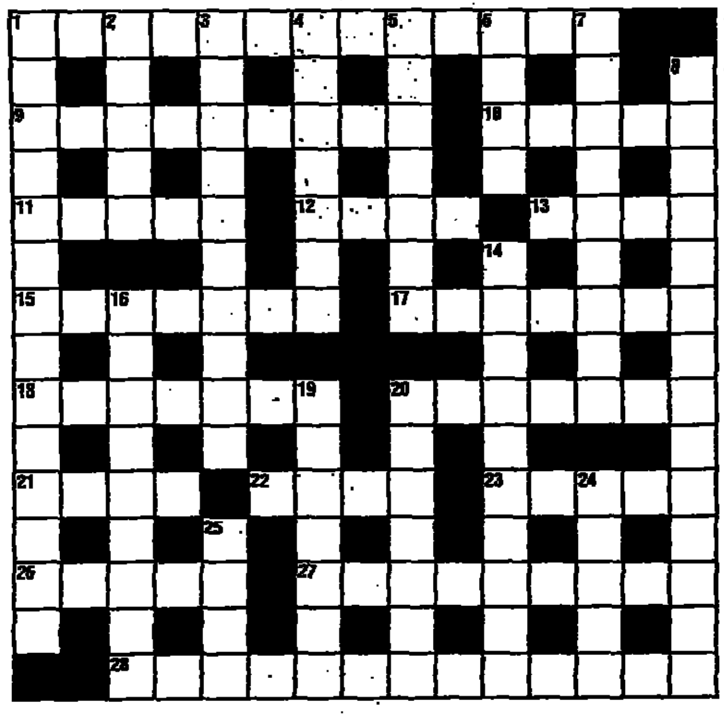

ACROSS

1 Act provocatively, so alteration may be the outcome (5,4,4).
9 That's more like it — after training, I went the distance (9).
10 The capacity of drunken engineers (5).
11 Name of river and state of America (5).
12 Match is off (4).
13 Ruin a beautiful woman (4).
15 I am captivated by girl's face (7).
17 Compensation stops — about *time!* (7)
18 Flier coming in terror to land (7).
20 House taking name from insect (7).
21 Look for a match (4).
22 An award — in olden days, you came back without one (4).
23 World shortage — there's no deuterium to be seen (5).
26 Took boat from sound anchorage (5).
27 Sabbath is accompanied by religious observance and religious song (9).
28 Help for the aged, moreoever, carried by people with personal transport (5,2,6).

DOWN

1 Don't be offended by trick pleasing some (4,2,4,4).
2 Troubled with anxiety initially. I was first (5).
3 They depend on Hazel — and such as Larry (5-5).
4 Fruit with skin might be called bananas (7).
5 Confessor, having lost first daughter, became a factor (7).
6 Waterproof suit, medium (4).
7 Tedious at the start, becoming 'ectic in addition (7-2).
8 Nick - I come to a halt, he helps me get moving about (14).
14 Past concealed by wicked beggar (10).
16 'With men' is not exactly 'with it' (2,3,4).
19 Retribution is pursuing retreating Kentish men (7).
20 Staying stormy and gloomy (7).
24 There's nothing in a stratagem to provoke (5).
25 Thought I had every advantage initially (4).

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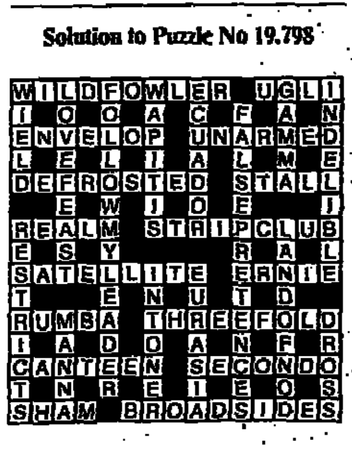

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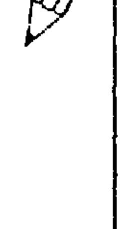
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Salcombe, Devon, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Hastings, East Sussex, 0.98in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife 8.2hrs.



FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales should be largely dry with clear or sunny periods, *but the more western* areas will be cloudy with a few showers. These may become prolonged later. Winds will be strong southeasterly, and it will be mild in most places. Scotland and Northern Ireland are expected to be cloudy with *rain, perhaps heavy, although eastern* Scotland should become drier for a time. Winds will be strong south or southeasterly, and it will be very mild for the time of year.

☐ ***London, SE England, E Anglia,*** **Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N, NE England:** dry with sunny periods. Wind strong southeasterly, moderating later. Max 13C (55F).

☐ ***SW England,*** **S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** cloudy. A few showers, becoming more persistent later. Wind strong southeasterly, moderating during the *afternoon. Max 13C (55F).*

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** *Mostly dry* with sunny intervals, rain later. Wind strong to gale force southeasterly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** rain, heavy at times. Wind strong to *gale-force southerly. Max 12C (54F).*

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** *rain dying out, but further rain later.* Wind strong to gale-force southerly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **N Ireland:** rain, heavy at times, turning showery later. Wind strong to gale-force southerly, easing later. Max 11C (52F).

☐ ***Outlook:*** rain moving east across all parts, followed by brighter, cooler weather, but rain later in northwest.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.7	0.02	6	43	sn	Liverpool	1.3	0.10	6	43	h
Anglesey	3.1	0.08	9	48	sh	London	7.0	0.01	9	48	s
Aspatria	1.6	0.36	5	41	sn	Lowestoft	5.6	0.57	7	45	s
Aviemore	2.5	-	3	37	sn	Manchester	1.6	0.13	6	43	f
Belfast	5.2	0.12	7	45	s	Margate	6.5	0.59	9	48	sh
Birmingham	5.5	0.06	8	46	h	Minehead	7.2	0.10	9	48	h
Bognor R	7.0	0.44	9	48	s	Morecambe	3.5	0.17	6	43	sn
Bournem'th	7.0	0.05	10	50	s	Newcastle	2.2	0.02	4	39	sn
Bristol	X	0.03	9	48	h	Newquay	5.0	0.04	8	46	s
Buxton	2.7	0.20	3	37	sn	Norwich	X	0.02	7	45	sh
Cardiff	6.1	0.04	8	46	sl	Nottingham	X	-	7	45	sn
Clacton	7.1	0.96	8	46	s	Oxford	6.3	0.10	9	48	h
Colwyn Bay	X					Penzance	6.1	0.13	7	45	h
Cromer	5.4	-	7	45	s	Plymouth	4.1	0.08	8	46	h
Doncaster	3.0	0.05	6	43	sh	Poole	5.6	0.06	10	50	b
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	0.05	7	45	b
Eastbourne	X					Ross-o-wye	7.2	0.02	9	48	s
Edinburgh	6.5	-	6	43	sn	Salcombe	3.8	0.05	10	50	sh
Eskdalemuir	2.7	0.28	3	37	sn	Sandown	7.0	0.37	9	48	s
Exmouth	4.2	0.04	8	46	h	Saunto Snd	5.4	0.22	9	48	s
Falmouth	X	0.10	10	50	sh	Scarboro'	3.9	0.04	5	41	sn
Fishguard	7.3	0.04	7	45	b	Scilly Isles	4.1	0.05	9	48	sh
Folkestone	7.6	0.56	9	48	s	Shanklin	7.5	0.46	8	46	s
Glasgow	3.4	0.02	7	45	sh	Shrewsbury	4.0	0.05	7	45	sh
Guernsey	4.7	0.76	9	48	t	Skegness	5.8	-	7	45	f
Hastings	6.7	0.98	9	48	s	Southend	8.0	0.33	8	46	c
Hayling I.	6.9	0.43	9	48	s	Southport	X				
Herne Bay	6.0	0.93	9	48	sh	Southsea	X				
Hove	6.7	0.56	9	48	b	Stornoway	3.3	0.42	5	41	sh
Hunstanton	5.3	0.03	7	45	h	Swanage	7.3	0.08	9	48	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	4.8	-	9	48	s
Isle of Man	4.8	0.04	9	48	s	Tenby	7.3	0.04	9	48	s
Jersey	4.2	0.23	9	48	h	Tiree	5.8	0.04	8	46	sh
Kinloss	2.0	0.01	5	41	sn	Torquay	3.8	0.02	9	48	b
Leeds	4.6	0.17	6	43	sn	Tynemouth	2.3	0.04	4	39	sn
Lerwick	5.5	0.05	5	41	sn	Ventnor	7.9	0.47	8	46	s
Leuchars	8.2	0.02	6	43	s	Weymouth	4.7	0.01	9	48	b
Littlehmptn	6.7	0.47	9	48	s						

These are Wednesday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	c	C'phagn	6	43	f	Madrid	12	54	s	Riyadh	28	82	f
Akrotiri	17	63	s	Corfu	10	50	f	Majorca	16	61	s	Rome	13	55	f
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Dublin	6	43	r	Malaga	18	64	s	Salzburg	6	43	f
Algiers	19	66	s	Dubrovnik	6	43	r	Malta	17	63	s	S Frisco	14	57	s
Amst'dm	8	46	f	Faro	17	63	s	Melb'rne	19	66	c	Santiago	28	82	s
Athens	16	61	s	Florence	11	52	f	Mexico C	15	59	s	S Paulo	30	86	f
Bahrain	24	75	s	Frankfurt	5	41	c	Miami	22	72	f	Seoul	14	57	c
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	17	63	f	Milan	7	45	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Barbados	-	--		Geneva	7	45	f	Montreal	0	32	f	St'kholm	2	36	c
Barcelona	13	55	c	Gibraltar	17	63	f	Moscow	4	39	s	Strasb'rg	7	45	c
Beirut	-	--		Helsinki	2	36	c	Munich	6	43	f	Sydney	23	73	c
Belgrade	12	54	s	Hong K	20	68	c	Nairobi	24	75	f	Tangier	19	66	s
Berlin	6	43	s	Innsbrck	7	45	f	Naples	12	54	s	Tel Aviv	20	68	s
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Budapest	10	50	f	L Palmas	19	66	c	Paris	6	43	f	Valencia	16	61	s
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Cairo	25	77	s	Lisbon	13	55	s	Perth	26	79	s	Vienna	9	48	f
Cape Tn	28	82	s	Locarno	12	54	s	Prague	6	43	f	Warsaw	7	45	s
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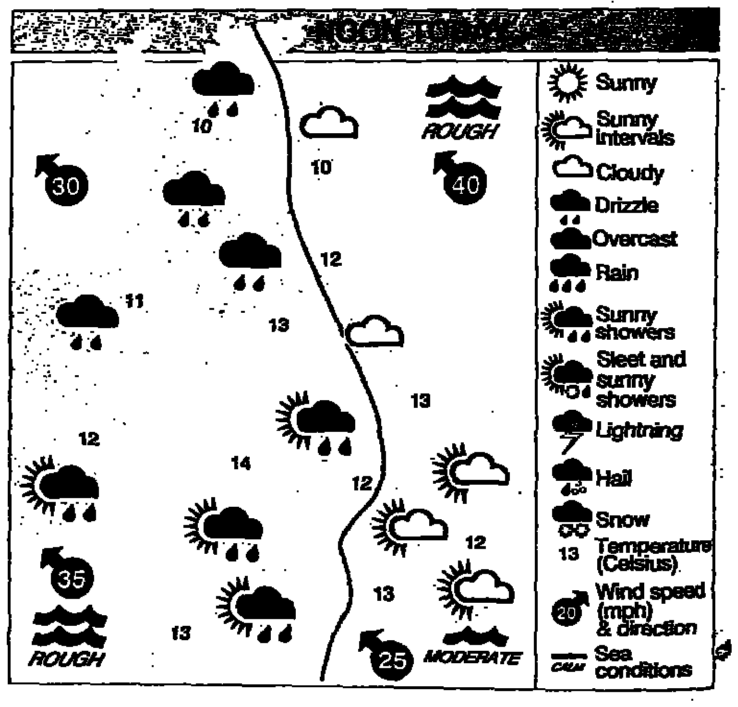

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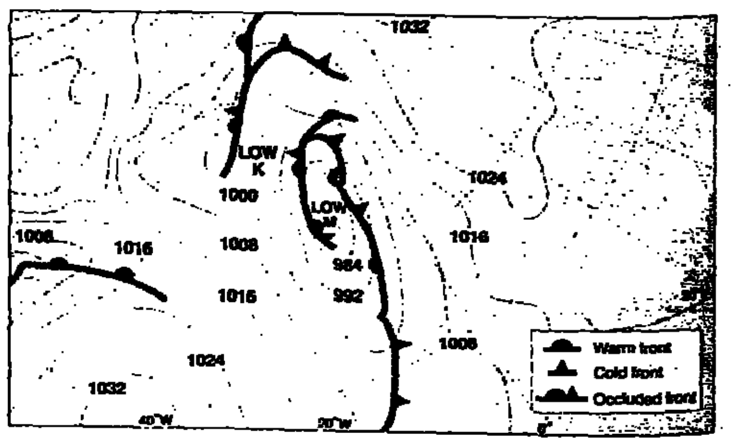

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Aberdeen	7.11	3.39	7.59	3.30	Liverpool	4.39	7.03	5.24	6.80
Avonmouth	-	-	0.20	9.57	Lowestoft	3.19	2.06	4.04	2.04
Belfast	5.02	3.01	5.42	2.82	Margate	5.26	3.79	6.12	3.71
Cardiff	-	-	0.19	9.08	Milford Haven	11.58	4.94	-	-
Devonport	10.59	4.17	11.35	4.23	Newquay	11.19	4.68	-	-
Dover	4.29	5.14	5.25	4.99	Oban	11.59	2.71	-	-
Dublin	6.03	3.24	6.44	3.17	Penzance	10.38	4.02	11.24	4.01
Falmouth	11.18	3.72	-	-	Portland	11.11	1.23	11.48	1.31
Glasgow	6.14	3.99	6.38	3.57	Portsmouth	4.35	3.87	5.22	3.68
Harwich	4.59	3.14	5.25	3.01	Shoreham	4.14	4.64	5.38	4.54
Holyhead	4.04	4.26	4.53	4.11	Southampton	4.12	3.70	5.01	3.62
Hull	11.45	5.06	-	-	Swansea	-	-	0.05	5.84
Ilfracombe	11.34	6.40	-	-	Tees	9.43	4.03	10.19	3.96
King's Lynn	-	-	0.48	4.50	W'ton-on-Nze	5.01	3.23	5.30	3.20

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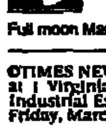

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Manchester 6.03 pm to 6.35 am
Penzance 6.18 pm to 6.48 *am*

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Singapore blacklists Leeson colleagues

'There are records that are not there'

FROM NEIL BENNETT IN SINGAPORE

THE Singapore authorities have secretly blacklisted former colleagues of Nick Leeson, the Barings trader, from working in Singapore after attempts by rival futures-dealing firms to recruit them.

The head of a futures firm disclosed yesterday that one company had tried to hire a Barings floor trader who used to work for Mr Leeson, but had been prevented by market regulators. "The company was told that these men are not employable in Singapore anymore," he said.

Barings Futures in Singapore employs more than 20 people, including a group of expatriate floor traders whose future there is now uncertain. The Singapore authorities have questioned several of the firm's staff and confiscated their passports, although no further arrests are expected.

The blacklisting has been imposed despite the decision by Internationale Nederlanden Groep to take over the ill-fated futures company. This suggests that the firm will remain frozen by the Singapore courts while inquiries into alleged fraud continue.

The Singapore courts yesterday appointed two of the country's top accountants to assist the Commercial Affairs Department investigation into alleged fraud in Barings Futures. The two, Michael Lim and Nicky Tan, of Price Waterhouse, previously acted as judicial managers of Barings Futures. They have been empowered to interview senior Barings executives in London about the bank's crash.

A senior investigator yesterday confirmed that some Barings documents may have been destroyed. "There are records that are not there, but it is impossible to conclude whether they were ever there, whether they have been deliberately removed or whether they have been taken by the CAD," he said.

The investigator denied reports that the last two months of Mr Leeson's trading records have been shredded. "There is a lot of confusion," he said.

Barings's records were badly disturbed when seized by investigators. Sources close to the investigation said that missing records should not hamper inquiries because the Singapore International Monetary Exchange has details of all of Barings's transactions. Investigators are also expected to rely on video records of the trading floor and audio tapes of Mr Leeson's telephone calls, taken as a regulatory precaution.

The investigator said that it would take at least another month to unravel the alleged fraud. "We are still trying to piece together what happened," he said. "If you know, would you give us a call?"

Investigators are expected to sift through thousands of documents, many of which are alleged to have been forged to hoodwink Barings staff in London about the nature of trading at Baring Futures.

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Halifax and Leeds seek ruling

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

UP TO 10 million customers could receive free shares when Halifax Building Society goes public after its merger with Leeds Permanent. But, for some savers and all borrowers, the bonanza will depend on a High Court hearing this month, where judges will rule on the terms of their conversion scheme. This aims to reward as many as possible in both societies.

The ruling has been sought by the societies and the Building Societies Commission, the industry watchdog. Halifax and Leeds are seeking to include in the share-out savers of less than two years' standing and borrowers. Both have been excluded from cash bonuses in the £1.8 billion takeover of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society by Lloyds Bank.

Jon Foulds, Halifax chairman, said it and the Leeds contend the C&G judgment does not apply in their case, as they are proposing a distribution of shares, not of cash.

He added that, whereas the C&G deal was governed by section 100 (9) of the Building Societies Act, the Halifax conversion was covered by Section 100 (8). This states that the rights to acquire shares in priority to other subscribers is restricted to members of at least two years' standing.

The concern for the rights of savers who have been customers for less than two years indicates Halifax might take the chance to go public earlier than had been expected.

When the merger was announced in November, it seemed it would be timed for late 1996, or early 1997. By then, anyone who had just become a member of either society at the cut-off date of November 25, 1994, would easily have fulfilled the two-year qualification. But a flotation in spring or summer 1996 might leave thousands out.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	2986.9	(-5.2)
Yield	4.52%	
FT-SE A All share	1471.59	(-1.16)
Nikkei	16763.06	(+141.77)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3974.05	(-5.18)*
S&P Composite	482.73	(-0.41)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5[illegible]%*	(5[illegible]%)
Long Bond	101[illegible]*	(100[illegible])
Yield	7.53%*	(7.55%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6[illegible]%	(6[illegible]%)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6160*	(1.6082)
London:		
$	1.6155	(1.6164)
DM	2.2470	(2.2530)
FFr	8.0060	(8.0120)
SFr	1.8740	(1.8800)
Yen	146.20	(147.61)
£ Index	85.9	(86.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.3915*	(1.3950)
FFr	4.9560*	(4.9580)
SFr	1.1595*	(1.1652)
Yen	90.50*	(91.40)
$ Index	90.8	(90.7)

Tokyo close Yen 91.95

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (May)	$16.60	($16.65)

GOLD

London close	$381.55	($381.35)

* denotes midday trading price

On a Roll

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Less hostile

BTR, which is renowned for hostile bids, is now more likely to consider small, add-on acquisitions rather than a purchase in the "mega-buck class," said Alan Jackson, chief executive.
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MPs push PLC plan for Post Office

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government should establish the Post Office as a public limited company, cutting its main ties with the Treasury, and remove all commercial restrictions from the sub-post offices, an influential committee of MPs urged yesterday.

The proposal is specifically aimed at breaking what MPs called the "political deadlock" over the Post Office following the failure of the Government to privatise the Royal Mail.

The Commons trade and industry select committee endorsed what it called a "new and innovative way" of achieving commercialisation of the PO, which was neither privatisation nor public ownership, but which MPs said could be developed into "workable" legislation.

The proposal to convert the PO into a 100 per cent Government-owned PLC, a move which has been made in a number of other European countries, essentially adopts an idea put forward by Bill Robinson, adviser to the previous Chancellor Norman Lamont, in a report commissioned by the postal trade unions from the consultants London Economics.

Under the proposal, the PO would be subject to normal PLC legal and commercial disciplines; it would pay dividends to the Government, be free to borrow and invest, and be able to enter joint ventures.

The committee put forward a series of caveats to ensure that a PO PLC would not be competing unfairly and to avoid the threat of an outside possible takeover.

Calling on the Government to "respond positively" to the proposal, Richard Caborn, the committee's chairman, said: "It is clear that the Government can no longer sit on the fence and argue that there is no middle way between privatisation and the status quo."

While Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who strongly favoured full PO privatisation, told the select committee he was "interested in the possibility" of a PLC structure, officials of the DTI are now trying to pull the Government's position back from any suggestion of endorsing the idea.

They are suggesting instead that Mr Heseltine is now considering the idea of the PO converting its constituent business units, including the Royal Mail, into PO-owned PLCs, and are insisting that moving the PO into a PLC structure would not achieve the PO Board's objective of easing the constraints on the postal business of the Government's public financing system.

The DTI would say publicly yesterday only that it would respond to the committee's proposal in due course. However, Mike Heron, PO chairman, welcomed the committee's findings and said the sooner commercial freedom was granted the better. Labour and the postal unions also welcomed it.

The committee also recommended the removal of all restrictions on Britain's subpostmasters in order to give them full commercial freedom, and proposed that the Government should specify the "minimum acceptable" number of post offices across the country.

Dr Jack Cunningham, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, pledged that a future Labour government would end the PO's current programme of franchising out local post offices.

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Slowdown predicted for Britain

BRITAIN'S economy is set to slow down sharply, according to the latest cyclical indicators published by the Central Statistical Office (Janet Bush writes).

The longer leading indicator, which is designed to predict economic activity 13 months in advance, fell in January for the seventh month in a row. All its components — including housing starts and the Confederation of British Industry's measure of business optimism — declined.

The CSO's shorter leading index, which predicts activity five months ahead, also fell in January. This was the fourth consecutive monthly decline and reflected falling share prices, new car registrations and consumer confidence.

The coincident index, which reflects current economic activity, continued to rise in January but at a slower rate because of slowing industrial output.

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy is waiving his bonus after shareholders expressed dissatisfaction with the group's performance

Big payoff for GrandMet executive

Kingfisher chief takes £300,000 income cut

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST AND MARTIN WALLER

SIR Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of Kingfisher, the troubled retailer, has taken a 33 per cent pay cut after shareholder dissatisfaction with the group's poor performance.

Sir Geoffrey was paid just over £1 million excluding pension contributions in the year to January 29, 1994. Yesterday Kingfisher announced that his remuneration for the past year would not exceed £700,000.

The cut reflects Sir Geoffrey's decision to waive his long-term incentive bonus and a reduction in his performance-related bonus. However, his basic salary remains unchanged at £630,000, in spite of his recent move from chairman to chief executive.

Kingfisher also revealed that compensation payments to the four directors ousted this year would not exceed £3 million. Alan Smith, chief executive, James Kerr-Muir, finance director, Nigel Whittaker, corporate affairs director, and Tim Breene, group development director, were all casualties of attempts to restore the group's ailing fortunes.

It was estimated that the combined payoffs of these directors, who were all on three-year rolling contracts, could total as much as £5 million. Kingfisher is to replace all three-year rolling contracts with two-year ones.

Ian Martin, former deputy chairman of Grand Metropolitan, is to receive a £556,000 payoff in return for a complete break with the food and drink combine and the cancellation of a three-year service agreement almost two years early. The money will be paid even though Mr Martin, who was passed over for the top job at GrandMet, has two other jobs. He is already chairman, chief executive and founder of Glenisla Group, an investment partnership with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the US finance company.

He has also been appointed chairman of Unigate, the food-to-dairies group, on a part-time basis at a salary of £175,000 a year.

Mr Martin's service agreement dates back to February last year, when he stood down as deputy chairman of GrandMet. He was kept on as a consultant for a three-year period on an annual salary of between £450,000 and £500,000.

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David Lloyd heads City's Oscars

BY MARTIN BARROW

Coopers & Lybrand
PLC Awards 1994

DAVID LLOYD, founder of the thriving sports clubs group, was named as entrepreneur of the year in the 1994 PLC Awards — the City's Oscars — at London's Grosvenor House Hotel last night.

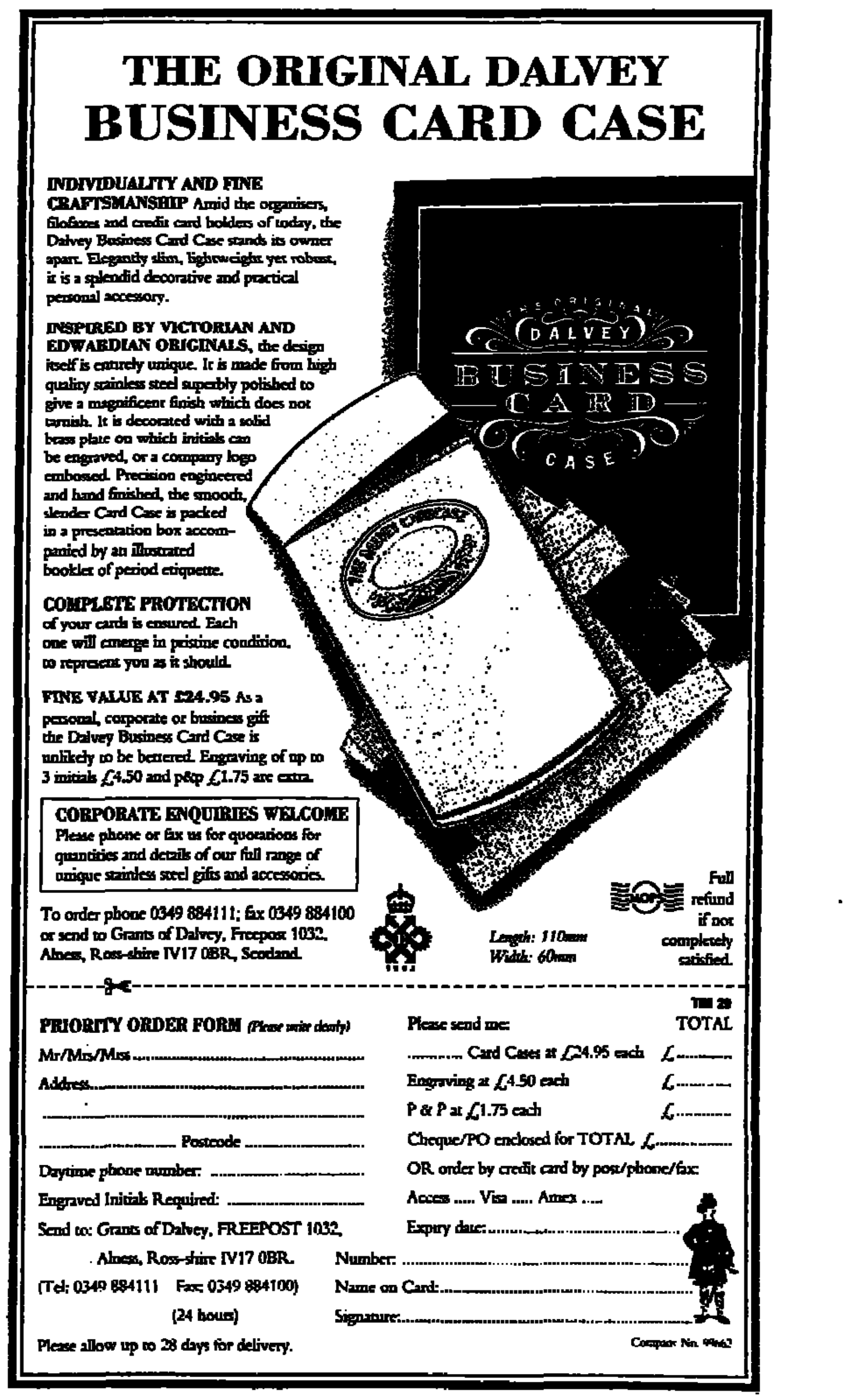
David Lloyd Leisure shares have risen to 245p from the 1993 float price of 150p. Pre-tax profits last year rose to £7.6 million (£5.67 million). Rivals for the award were Chris Ingram, of CIA, the media group, and Tim Martin, of JD Wetherspoon, the pub group.

The PLC Awards, sponsored by Coopers & Lybrand in association with *The Times*, also proved a success for Domnick Hunter, the winner in the category of new company of the year. The industrial filter manufacturer secured a listing in March 1994 at 200p. The shares traded yesterday at 253p. Other contenders for the award were Applied Distribution, Trifast Group and Finelist.

First Technology, the automotive safety specialist, was named as company of the year, ahead of three other strong contenders — Ashtead Group, Sherriff Holdings and Taylor Nelson. FirstTec is the world leader in inertia switches, which cut off fuel pumps in case of accidents. It also makes crash-test dummies and is the only supplier of fuel sensors to car manufacturers.

Best performing share was Hawtal Whiting, which provides design and engineering services to industry. In 1994 the company's shares rose to 220p from 42.5p.

Geest, the fruit importer, won the best annual report award, and the Waverley Penny Share Fund, was the best performing smaller company fund. The inaugural winner of the PLC achievement award was Brian Winterflood, managing director of Winterflood Securities, for his support for the market in smaller company shares.



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Arjo sees pulp prices threaten its margins

By Carl Mortished

ALAIN SOULAS, chief executive of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper manufacturer, has given warning that its margins will be under pressure this year from further increases in pulp prices.

Pulp paper, the raw material for Arjo's products, is expected to rise a further 20 per cent this year. "It will be hard to pass on these price increases to customers," he said.

M Soulas's warning came as Arjo announced 1994 profits ahead of expectations. The group increased the pre-tax return from £122 million to £217 million after an exceptional charge of £12 million against Ceasa, the Spanish pulp business. However, the shares shed 11p to 235p on concerns that margin pressures may hit profit growth.

M Soulas said: "In 1995, we have been helped by restocking by customers. Whether these stocks remain high or at normal levels will affect our growth."

Volumes grew by about 4 per cent, helping to boost profits in spite of a rise of 80 to 90 per cent in the cost of pulp paper. Arjo maintained its dominant share in the carbonless paper market and the market for fax paper grew strongly. Arjo's associate, Soporcel, the paper mill, came into profit for the first time since 1990, contributing £11.7 million to profits.

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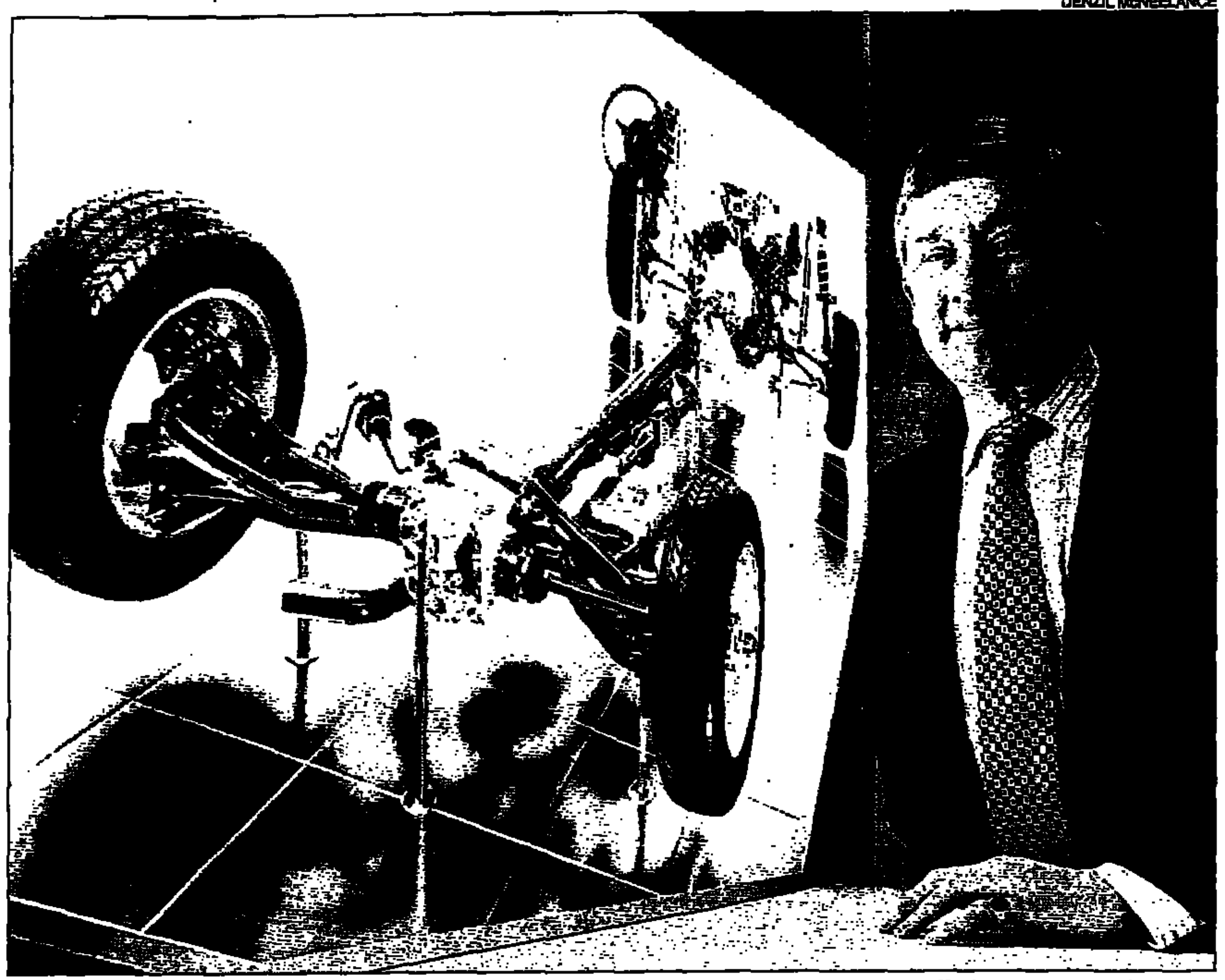

Sir David Lees, chairman, said GKN could look forward with optimism as he unveiled results yesterday

GKN profit doubles as Westland wins deal

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

GKN's £486 million purchase of the Westland helicopter company was vindicated yesterday when it secured a £500 million contract for 22 transport aircraft for the Royal Air Force.

The production contract for the EH101 helicopter, combined with the Ministry of Defence seal of approval, is expected to open the door to export sales worldwide.

The long-delayed deal came as GKN announced doubled pre-tax profits of £200 million for the year to the end of December.

With annual turnover of £3.1 billion, up 17 per cent, GKN now has sales on a par with those of Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine company, and is twice as profitable.

GKN is raising its dividend for the first time since 1989. A final dividend of 13.5p, making 21.5p, is covered 1.7 times.

Sir David Lees, the chairman, said recovery resulted from "better market demand and continuous improvement in operating efficiency". He added: "We can look forward with optimism."

Car parts remain the core of GKN's business, accounting, together with armoured vehicles, for two-thirds of sales and profits. GKN lifted its share of the world market for constant velocity joints to propel cars by 4 per cent to 34 per cent.

Sales of armoured vehicles slumped as the Ministry of Defence contract ended, but deliveries of Desert Warrior personnel carriers to Kuwait, and Piranha to Oman should now take up the slack.

Demand for the services of the Chep pallet hire business have increased strongly. The sale of GKN's 39 per cent interest in United Engineering Steels to British Steel is expected to be followed by disposal of the scaffolding hire business.

By the year end, GKN had accumulated £316 million of net cash.

The next challenge is to secure the long-term future of the armoured vehicles business and win the contest to supply the British Army's attack helicopter.

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Rolls-Royce to develop super-jumbo engines

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

ROLLS-ROYCE is gearing up to develop two new engines for the next generation of long-haul jets, based on tried and tested technology.

Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, says the company will aim to develop power plants for both the Boeing 747 super-jumbo and a heavy-payload Airbus A340, if the aircraft manufacturers decide to go ahead with the planes.

Each engine would cost £100 million to £150 million to develop. But for a relatively modest investment, Rolls would gain access to the biggest Airbus jet, which is selling better than expected, and secure its strong sales position with Boeing customers as the manufacturer extends its range.

Both engines would be based on the RB211-524, and could be developed at relatively low risk using technologies proven on the RB211 and the huge new Trent engines, which cost more than £750 million to develop. The super-747, which may be the first to go ahead, would need an engine of 60,000-65,000 lbs of thrust, while the A340 power plant would probably produce around 40,000 lbs.

Rolls' plans reflect the management strategy of exploiting proprietary technology across the widest range of applications, and a slow but steady improvement in the financial performance.

During the year to December 31, Rolls lifted its pre-tax profits by a third to £101 million. The profits improvement, from a low ebb, reflects falling research and development spending now that the Trent engines are entering service, and the first fruits of a restructuring programme that cut the workforce by another 4,800 last year, to 41,000.

The final dividend is being maintained at 3p, making a total of 5p, payable on July 3. Sir Ralph said no increase was likely until profits were sufficient to pay the dividend twice over. Earnings were 6.62p a share (5.95p).

"Conditions in our two principal business areas, aerospace and industrial power, remain depressed and we expect little improvement before 1996 at the earliest," he said.

The year-end order book was £5.9 billion, with £1 billion more orders since. Sales fell by £300 million to £3.2 billion during 1994. Deliveries of military jet engines fell, while civil engine production remained at 400 a year. But rising fighter exports, and yesterday's Ministry of Defence orders for Westland EH101 helicopters, each powered by three Rolls-Royce/Turbomeca RTM322 engines assembled in Bristol, should help this side of the business.

The agreed bid for Allison Engine Company, the American manufacturer of small jet, turbo-prop and turbo-fan engines, has passed anti-trust checks. Approval from the US Department of Defense is expected to be granted later this month or next. The deal will be financed with a combination of shares and some of the company's £285 million cash pile.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.26	2.09
Austria Sch	16.91	15.41
Belgium Fr	49.60	45.30
Canada $	2.356	2.196
Cyprus Cyp£	0.759	0.704
Denmark Kr	9.64	8.84
Finland Mkk	7.56	6.91
France Fr	8.45	7.80
Germany Dm	2.41	2.20
Greece Dr	388.00	363.00
Hong Kong $	13.00	12.00
Ireland Pt	1.08	0.98
Israel	5.2727	4.5227
Italy Lira	2745.00	2590.00
Japan Yen	161.50	145.50
Malta	0.605	0.550
Netherlds Gld	2.684	2.454
Norway Kr	10.64	9.84
Portugal Esc	247.00	228.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.36
Spain Pta	212.00	199.00
Sweden Kr	12.10	11.30
Switzerland Fr	2.02	1.84
Turkey Lira	refer	65268.0
USA $	1.697	1.567

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hillsdown comes out of dividend shell

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS, the food group, has increased its dividend for the first time in three years, in spite of continuing difficult conditions in the European food industry. Sir John Nott, chairman, said he wanted to reward small shareholders for their patience. "There's nothing scientific about it," he said. "You could call it naive." The final dividend is lifted to 7.0p (6.6p), making a total 9.2p (8.8p). Pre-tax profits rose by 6 per cent to £172.4 million from £162.3 million in the year to December 31 on sales 2 per cent ahead at £4.3 billion, up from £4.2 billion.

Sir John said it was a satisfactory performance in the face of an intensely competitive food market. Conditions were particularly tough in the UK, where many of Hillsdown's products, such as baked beans, biscuits and poultry, have been in the front line of the supermarket price wars. Nevertheless, all divisions increased profits, except for the European meat operations, where operating profits almost halved. The BSE scare and hot summer were partly to blame.

Pentland sprints ahead

A STRONG performance from Speedo swimwear and Kickers footwear brands helped to lift profits at Pentland Group, the sporting goods company, by 76 per cent last year. Pre-tax profits rose to £38.1 million from £21.6 million in the year to December 31. Earnings per share more than doubled to 6.56p from 2.74p. Stephen Rubin, chairman, said 1994 was a year of outstanding progress after a difficult year in 1993, when losses in its US footwear operation hit group profits. He was upbeat about prospects in the current year. A final dividend of 1.85p (1.64p) makes a total payout of 3.1p (2.8p) which will be paid on July 1.

Enterprise writedown

ENTERPRISE OIL has taken a £10 million hit on its investment in Elf Enterprise, the North Sea joint venture with Elf Aquitaine of France. A writedown to £126 million followed an analysis of estimated cash flows over the next ten years. Enterprise yesterday recorded an £18.1 million loss from the associate company, including the writedown that leaves Enterprise with unchanged net profits for the year of £94 million. The year's unchanged 16p dividend is just covered. But after including the cost of the unsuccessful bid for Lasmo, net profits fell to £71 million, reducing earnings per share from 17p to 11.7p.

Swaps hit Gestetner

ONE-OFF losses of £6.1 million after a disastrous foray into interest rate swaps clouded results from Gestetner Holdings, the office products distributor. Pre-tax profits before exceptionals jumped to £20.3 million in the 14 months to December 31, compared with £6.3 million previously. However, losses on geared interest rate swaps cut pre-tax profits to £14.2 million, compared with losses of £33 million last time when restructuring costs were £43.5 million. Total dividend is held at 3p, with a final dividend of 1.8p (1.2p) payable on June 9. Earnings were 3.7p (17.5p loss) a share.

Christies earnings slip

CHRISTIES INTERNATIONAL is to change its charges to sellers at auction, introducing a sliding scale in place of the flat commission rates most sellers currently pay. The change was announced as the company reported a decline in pre-tax profits to £16.37 million from £18.8 million last year, when there was an exceptional £2.6 million gain from the sale of property. Earnings slipped to 5.91p (6.82p) a share but the total dividend is lifted to 2.1p (2p) a share, with a 1.6p final. The shares fell 5p to 138p. Auction sales grew by 13 per cent, the company said, and it is "cautiously optimistic about the outlook for 1995".

Stagecoach stake to go

STAGECOACH, the Scottish bus operator, is being forced to sell its 20 per cent stake in Mainline Partnership, in Sheffield, after a ruling by the Department of Trade and Industry. Brian Souter, chairman, said that the divestment would not have a "material" effect on Stagecoach's profitability or harm its ability to acquire other UK bus operators. However, the news sent the shares down 28p, to 209p, against a flotation price of 112p in April 1993. Stagecoach has expanded rapidly, by aggressive acquisition, and, since 1989, has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission 20 times. In most cases, it has been cleared of anti-competitive activity.

F&C asset value falls

FOREIGN & COLONIAL Investment Trust suffered a 9 per cent fall in net asset value to 134.7p a share at December 31, last year, from an adjusted 148p at the end of 1993, reflecting the weak performance of global equities and bonds. F&C shares closed at 129¼ p yesterday. The dividend is lifted to 1.88p a share from 1.76p, with a final ordinary dividend of 1.1255p and a foreign income dividend of 0.1532p. The investment trust withdrew money from South East Asia and reduced its holdings of American equities. However, it increased its exposure to Japan, continental Europe and Britain.

USAir cuts 10% of flights

TEN per cent of USAir's daily flights are to be eliminated to try to save $100 million a year. Many of the changes will be in the busy north-eastern states: it was USAir's strength in this area that led to British Airways taking a 24.6 per cent stake in the group.

The US carrier yesterday said it would also add 70 new flights to its timetable and insisted that the change would benefit BA. It comes after six successive years of crippling losses for USAir. Last year, the company reported a deficit of $685 million. BA has invested more than $400 million in the ailing group, but has apparently put on hold a plan to invest a further $450 million.

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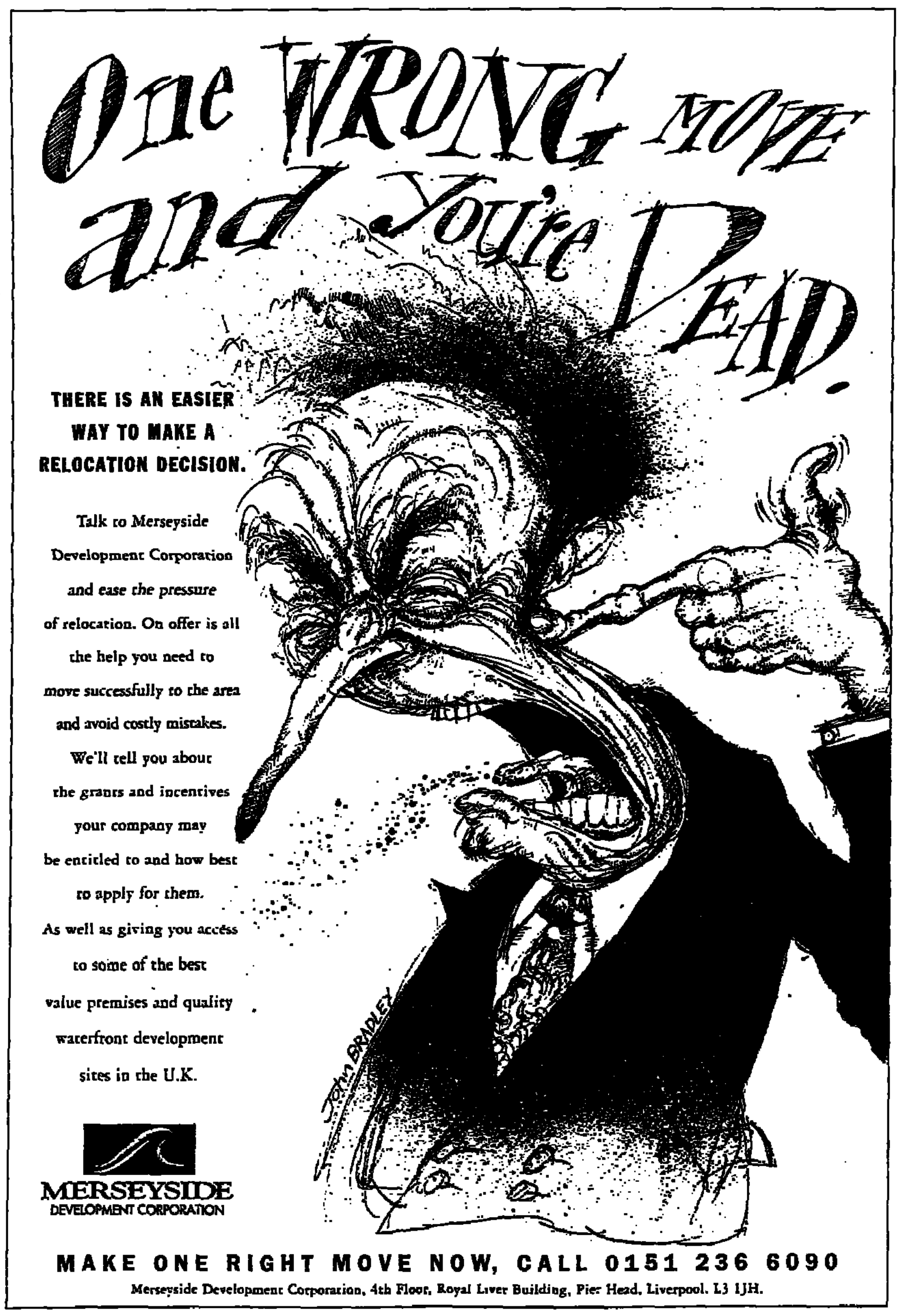
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Metropolitan manners

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☐ LET'S GET the bouquets over first. Grand Metropolitan is to be complimented for the openness with which it revealed to the world, unbidden and unforced, the huge payment being made to Ian Martin in return for a clean divorce, rather than waiting to have the information dragged out of the report and accounts almost a year from now.

Mr Martin is an excellent manager, renowned around the world for his abilities. He steered GrandMet through the 1989 purchase of Pillsbury, the most significant move in its history. He is an amiable man, good company and doubtless kind to children and animals.

(Deep breath). Now the brickbats. His pay-off from a part-time job at GrandMet, and a role summed up as that of a "sounding-board" and provider of advice to the chairman, is only the latest example of breathtaking corporate greed. It will not be the last until natural shame on the part of directors, a Labour government or the Last Trumpet — and readers may judge for themselves which of the three is likely to arrive first — calls a halt.

Payments for loss of office are known as compensation payments, oddly enough, because they are designed to compensate the recipients for the heartbreaking experience of finding themselves out on the street. In some cases the street is where they deserve to be, having lost their livelihoods through incompetence or sloth, but Christian charity should perhaps not begrudge them a pay-off to smooth over life's rougher patches.

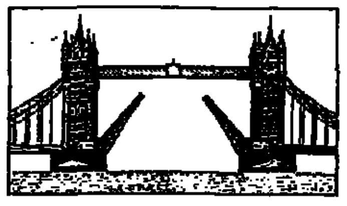
They are not designed to fill the back pockets of someone who already has, count them, not one but two jobs lined up. Mr Martin's financial arrangements with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts are quite reasonably not in the public eye, but KKR is not exactly known for its stinginess to top executives, and Mr Martin is also likely to enjoy some sort of equity stake and therefore a good chance of another fortune if he does the job right.

His pay at Unigate is about in line for that sort of post, but £175,000 a year is itself hardly a trifle. He continued to be paid the best part of half a million pounds a year by GrandMet after he lost out in the race for the top job under a highly unusual consultancy agreement largely, one suspects, because he was on a three-year rolling contract at £690,000 a year and GrandMet did not want the trouble of legal action if they let him go. It was easier to pay him for the remainder of that period, therefore, and gain some benefit from his experience. Deputy chairman, and head of the remuneration committee there, by the by, is the same Richard Giordano who in another boardroom entirely has been so generous to Cedric Brown.

Lawyers are lawyers, contracts are contracts, and GrandMet has gone the easy way again. Shareholders who made such a fuss at the annual meeting little more than a week ago have, alas, a long wait before they can express their displeasure again.

Postal delivery now overdue

☐ RICHARD Caborn, skilful chairman of the Trade and Industry Select Committee, reckons he has offered Government a practical solution to the problems facing the Post Office. Converting it into a state-owned company, he argues "is not privatisation and it is not public ownership as we know it — it is a new and innovative way of achieving commercialisation with Parliamentary accountability".



This compromise, based on the study by London Economics for Post Office unions, should not convince anyone intellectually. But it could be pragmatically convenient. The Cabinet is fully committed to privatisation but has abandoned it *pro tem* because it could not get the legislation through the Commons, let alone the Lords.

The TISC formula would be a useful staging point on the way to privatisation, should Messrs Major, Heseltine *et al* ever be able to assemble a majority. At the same time, it would defuse the long-running issue and still allow the Treasury to exercise full control through the boardroom, should it so wish. For Labour, the state plc offers an equally good alibi, keeping all its options open.

That does not mean it will happen. The Treasury neatly anticipated such a wheeze last year. It destroyed the precedent by bringing BNFL into the public sector accounts after a generation as a little-kown anomaly. Whitehall's counter-compromise is to keep the Post Office itself as a nationalised industry while making its main operating subsidiaries plcs.

Given goodwill, this need not make much difference. But there is not much goodwill around, especially from Treasury officials who see providers of a wonderful revenue balancer trying to slip away.

Certainly the Post Office needs a new identity. Eventually, that should probably be as a statutory company, privately funded but only with limited dividend capital to match its statutory monopoly privileges. The urgent matter is to maintain such of these privileges as are required to maintain the post network the public still demands. They imply a need for strict accountability, whether the Post Office is in the public sector or the private.

Sums that let the City down

☐ RAPID unfreezing of deposits with Barings will minimise the harm done to the City of London by the keynote merchant bank's default. In the event, holders of equity, preference shares, floating rate notes and subordinated bonds have all lost heavily.

Crucially, however, trading contracts have or should be met, including the fatal ones made in Singapore that eventually cost about £860 million. That is about as bad as London bankers sitting round the table at the Bank of England two weekends ago might have imagined. Yet it is far from certain that Barings lost more than bank regulators regarded as its capital. ING has invested £660 million and reckons its Barings businesses are capitalised at £240 million. These do not include the Barings group's stake in Dillon Read. They do include the asset management business, which might be worth about £400 million more than its balance sheet value in a normal sale.

Had London's big boys been prepared to do what ING did a week later, they would have come to little harm and would have saved London's face. In the event, they became hooked on fear about the open derivatives contracts and predicated rescues on closing them before the markets opened — a dead end as it turned out.

As a result of this miscalculation, a tier of London's banking structure is likely to fade away over the next few years. In effect, the "Big Bang II" restructuring, much talked of when Warburg made its abortive overtures to Morgan Stanley, will be more certain and come faster.

Exactly how it will come is far less certain. Replications of the ING/Barings or Deutsche Bank/Morgan Grenfell deals are likely. One alternative is for an investment bank to unravel itself, getting out of securities and reverting to a pre-Big Bang merchant bank on the lines of Lazard. The Warburg/Morgan Stanley model should not be written off either. In that unhappy affair, poor execution provided the disaster, rather than the original concept. It might work for someone else.

BTR looking for smaller, add-on acquisitions

By Martin Waller

BTR, the industrial conglomerate renowned for hostile bids, is now more likely to consider small, add-on acquisitions rather than a purchase in the "mega-buck class," said Alan Jackson, chief executive.

But this could change if the right opportunity came along, although situations where BTR could improve management and add value were inevitably rare. "One knock-on effect of the recession is a whole lot more businesses are performing much better and not underperforming, as they were in the 1980s," he said.

BTR was announcing better-than-expected full-year profits but a cautious view of UK economic prospects. Pretax profits for 1994 rose 11 per cent to £1.412 billion on turnover from continuing activities up 12 per cent at £9.11 billion.

The group is making a final dividend payment of 8.3p, making 13.5p, up from 12.25p. Last year's total rises to 14.8p once the enhanced foreign income dividend paid halfway is included. The payment comes out of fully-diluted earnings per share that advanced from 22.2p to 22.7p.

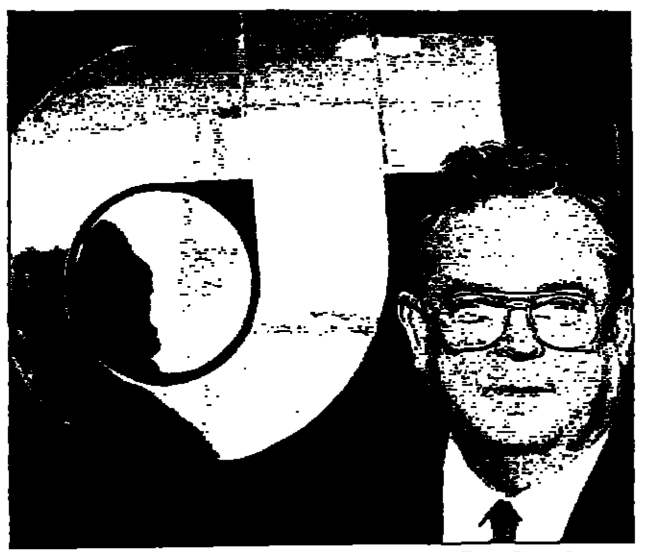
Norman Ireland, chairman, said through the last quarter of 1994 BTR had seen improved trading giving rise to higher sales and orders, a trend that had continued into the first two months of this year. "Our view, supported by the current improving trend in orders, is that 1995 will see another rise in sales and profits."

But economic growth had been "less marked" in the UK, and against a background of some political uncertainty and rising interest rates, together with sluggish order activity in the rail and electric power buisnesses, only "patchy growth" was expected to continue there.

BTR has decided to suspend the issue of share warrants, a feature of the past six years, after taking a view on cash generation and a projection of the group's development over the next five years.

Once the $618 million purchase of Formica, agreed at the end of 1994, is funded, BTR will have debts of £1.8 billion and gearing of 48 per cent. Mr Jackson said it could contemplate borrowings of twice this level if needed for the right acquisition.

"Historically, BTR has felt confident enough of its ability to produce good cash flow to go through 100 per cent gearing," he added. This had happened three times in the 1980s. He could also not rule out share issues to fund expansion.



Alan Jackson reported increased profits of £1.4bn

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John Lewis beats high street gloom with 25% rise

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP, one of Britain's biggest private companies, defied the sluggish trend on the high street to report a 25 per cent increase in profits last year (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Pre-tax profits rose to £116.8 million from £93.2 million in the year to January 28 on sales 6 per cent higher at £2.6 billion, up from £2.4 billion.

Stuart Hampson, chairman, said the group had made strong headway in a weak market. "We have done so by offering our customers good value rather than spurious discounts," he said. The group's 22 department stores again provided the engine for growth. Like-for-like sales rose by 6 per cent while trading profits jumped by 26 per cent. Mr Hampson said it vindicated the group's decision to provide full-range department stores rather than just clothing ranges.

He said Waitrose had stemmed recent losses and benefited from Sunday opening. He said the group remained committed to its partnership structure and had no intention of going public. The group's 34,000 partners will receive a 12 per cent bonus, equivalent to six weeks' extra pay.

Redwood loss pulls back IMI

IMI, the Midlands engineering group, is confident of further progress this year in spite of reporting lower full-year profits as a result of a £36 million loss on the sale of Redwood International. Pre-tax profits before exceptional charges advanced 19 per cent to £85.3 million in the year to December 31, but the Redwood loss cut the final pre-tax profits to £50.3 million (£70.2 million). Turnover grew to £1.16 billion (£1.07 billion).

Earnings fall to 6p (13.8p) a share, but the total dividend is raised to 10.5p (10p), with an increased final dividend of 6.1p (5.8p) payable on May 22.

Willis Corroon cuts 800 jobs

By Sarah Bagnall, insurance correspondent

WILLIS CORROON, the insurance broking group, is axing 800 jobs as part of a wide-ranging restructuring aimed at cutting costs by £39 million a year.

The redundancies, 500 of which have taken place since November, are worldwide and will cut the workforce by 7 per cent to about 10,600. It has set aside £20.1 million to cover the costs, which with provisions for property write-downs, office closures and staff relocation, caused a £49.1 million exceptional charge, £9.1 million higher than it expected last year. However, the annual cost savings, which represent 6 per cent of the group's cost base, are £9 million higher than originally anticipated.

Max Taylor, chief operating officer, said the restructuring, involving cutting management layers and refocusing the group, would give £26 million cost savings this year.

After the exceptional charge, pre-tax profits in the year to December 31 fell from £76.2 million to £5.6 million on turnover down from £707.6 million to £671.3 million. The first interim dividend, due April 3, was held at 1.65p, making an unchanged total of 6.6p. Post-exceptional earnings per share on continuing operations were 0.3p (10.9p).

Hogg leaves after 20 years

By Susan Gilchrist

SIR CHRISTOPHER HOGG is stepping down as chairman of Courtaulds Textiles, Britain's second largest textiles company, after a 20-year association with the business.

Sir Christopher became chairman of Courtaulds Textiles when it was spun off from Courtaulds, the chemicals company where he was also chairman, at the beginning of 1990.

In May 1993 he relinquished the chairmanship of Courtaulds Textiles to Martin Taylor, then group chief executive, only to return six months later when Mr Taylor was headhunted to Barclays.

Sir Christopher will be succeeded by John Eccles, who has been a non-executive director of Courtaulds Textiles for three years. Mr Eccles is also chairman of Chamberlain & Hill, deputy chairman of Glynwed International and a director of Chamberlain Phipps.

The news accompanied the group's results which showed a 22 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £47.3 million in the year to December 31, up from £38.8 million in the previous period and ahead of City expectations of about £45 million. The group's share price jumped 10p to 426p. Noel Jervis, chief executive, said the improvement had been achieved despite substantial increases in the price of raw materials. "It's so far so good," he said. "But the situation is not getting any easier."

The final dividend is lifted to 10.1p (9.5p) making a total payout of 15.0p (14.2p).

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The British company that achieved
1994 worldwide Sales
from continuing operations of
£9,111m – up 12.2% on 1993.

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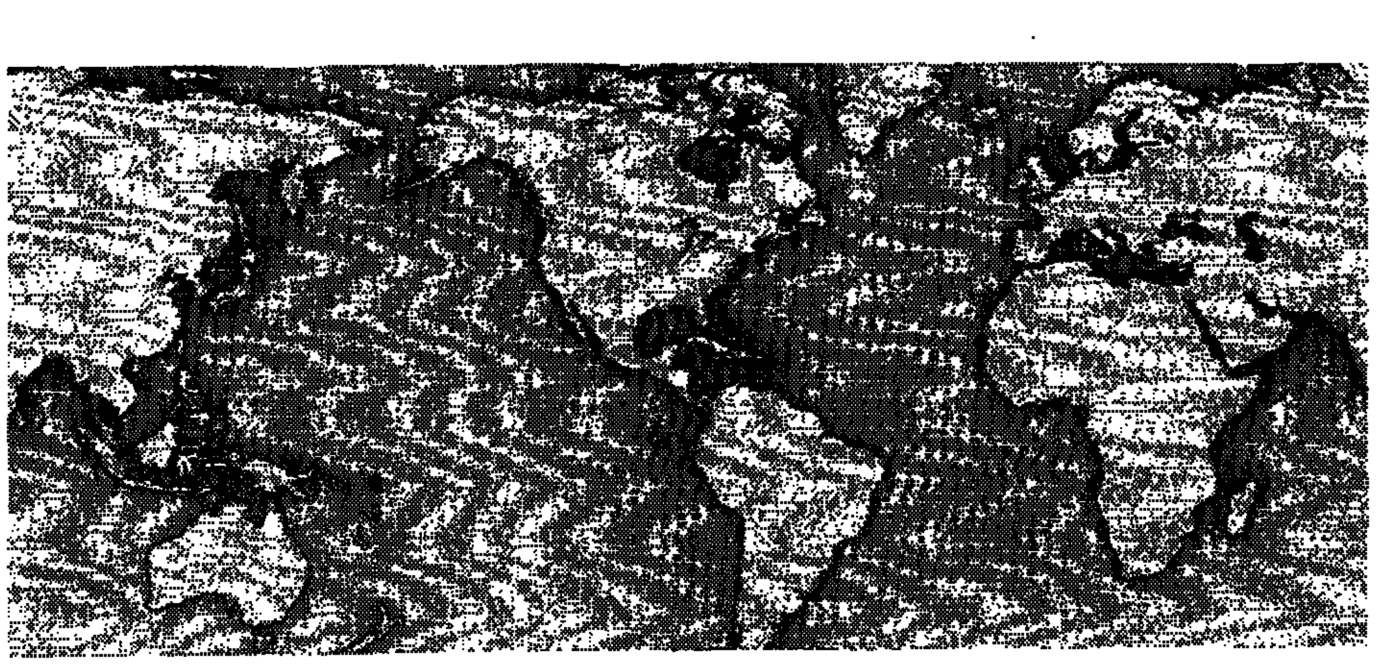

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Generators see their power ebbing away

PARTLY-PAID shares in the two power generators, which began trading earlier this week after the Government's sell-off of its remaining 40 per cent, dropped like a stone as private and institutional investors beat a path for the exit.

By the close of business last night, both categories of shares were trading at a discount as the City continued to express its anger at the Government's handling of the their flotation in the light of the regulator's announcement about tough new pricing controls.

There wasn't a buyer to be seen as as **PowerGen**, offered at 185p, tumbled 11p to close at a discount of 176½p on turnover of almost 4 million shares, while **National Power**, offered at 170p, lost 9½p to 166p as more than 7 million changed hands. Fund managers have been barely able to contain their anger this week, claiming they have been tricked by the Government, which has already admitted it thought of pulling the issue, at one stage, after seeing the regulator's report.

There was talk in the Square Mile last night that some investors may choose to withhold payment when it falls due on Monday. There were also claims that American institutional investors are contemplating legal action against the Government.

The fully-paid shares in the power generators also suffered, with National Power losing 9p at 433p and PowerGen 7½p at 463½p. But the electricity distributors began to claw back some of this week's huge losses, with even **Northern Electric** rallying 25p to 818p. The deadline for the £1.23 billion bid from Trafalgar House is 1pm today. The Northern share price has fallen around 25 per cent since the regulator announced his move on Tuesday, and there have been fears among speculators, who are now sitting on potentially huge losses, that Trafalgar will walk away. But last night it was looking as if Trafalgar will attempt to renegotiate the terms. **Trafalgar** was unchanged at 59p. Elsewhere in the sector, **East Midland** rose 37p to 598p, **Eastern**, 17p to 577p, **Manweb**, 11p to 645p, **Midlands**, 39p to 621p, **Norweb**, 21p to 648p, **Seeboard**, 22p to 363p and **South West**, 36p to 646p.

Trevor Harrison, R-R chief executive, and Sir Ralph Robins

The rest of the equity market experienced another nervous session, giving up some early gains to dip back below the 3,000 level. Continuing worries about the upheavels on world currency markets and general unease felt by investors towards financial markets generally cast a shadow. The FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of 21.1 points wiped out to end the day 5.2 down at 2,986.9 in thin trading, which saw fewer than 600 million shares traded.

Inchcape rose 10p to 319p on suggestions that it could soon find itself on the end of a bid from Jardine Matheson, the Hong Kong conglomerate. Dealers dismissed the talk, saying that Jardine is currently backing Trafalgar House in its bid for Northern. They may change their tune if Trafalgar backs out from the bid today.

SG Warburg fell to 678p before finishing 7p off at 689p. The selling was prompted by whispers that the company had problems meeting its obligations on Frankfurt's DTB futures market. Stories circulating earlier in the day claimed that one of the big German banks had got into difficulties covering open positions. Warburg said there was no truth in the story.

There was heavy option activity in **United Biscuits** with someone paying 13p for the call in the August 390 series as 1,500 contracts, equivalent to 1.5 million shares, were completed. Once again there is talk that the group is close to selling its stake in Nutricia, the Dutch baby foods group, for over £200 million. The underlying shares closed 12p better at 352p.

Shares in the independent television and radio broadcasting companies came under pressure after the Government ruled out reform of the cross-ownership regulations that prevent newspaper publishers holding stakes of more than 20 per cent. **Capital Radio** fell 12p to 361p, **Chiltern Radio**, 26p to 198p, **Grampian Television**, 9p to 264p, **HTV**, 6p to 152p, **Scottish Television**, 20p to 408p, **Yorkshire Television**, 30p to 380p and **Ulster Television**, 19p to 645p.

Northumbrian Water marked time at 820p after asking the French company Lyonnaise des Eaux to put up, or shut up. Earlier this week Lyonnaise announced it proposed to bid for Northumbrian and would wait for the outcome of a Monopolies Commission reference before issuing terms. Northumbrian is arguing that this would create too much disruption to the business.

BTR firmed 3½p to 311½p, supported by some better-than-expected full year figures and optimistic comments about current trading.

GKN, Britain's biggest engineering group, celebrated its first dividend increase in five years and the absence of a much feared rights issue with a rise of 14p to 579p. Total dividend was raised from 20p to 21½p.

Full-year figures from **Rolls-Royce**, the aero engine group, chaired by Sir Ralph Robins, were at the top end of City expectations, with pre-tax profits climbing from £76 million to £101 million, despite a drop in sales from £3.5 billion to £3.2 billion. Much of the improvement came from cost-cutting exercises and the successful development of the new Trent engine.

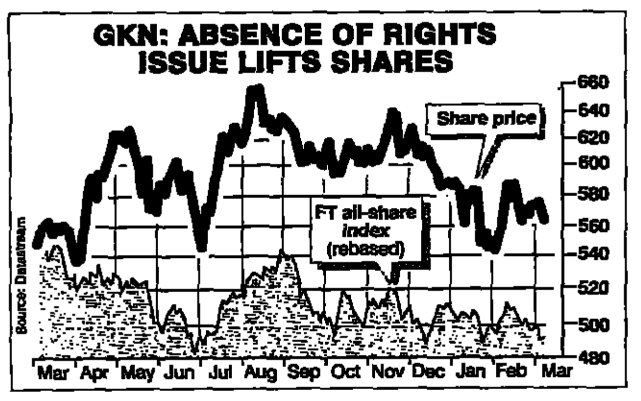
Enterprise Oil shed 1p to 394p as it displayed the scars of losing the battle for control of Lasmo last year. Net profits tumbled from £94.7 million to £71 million after taking into account provisions relating to the bid.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts had a see-saw session, ending virtually unchanged. The movements were largely technical and led by the future, with the June long gilt finishing three ticks down at £101 1/32 as 63,000 contracts were traded.

In longs, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 was steady at £94 7/16, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 lost a tick to £97 1/16.

☐ **NEW YORK**: US shares were lower as investors grappled with concern about the dollar and interest rates. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.18 points at 3,974.05

GKN: ABSENCE OF RIGHTS ISSUE LIFTS SHARES



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Nikkei Average	16763.08 (+141.77)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8076.79 (+146.80)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	392.71 (-3.28)
Sydney:	
AO	1877.5 (-5.7)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2001.64 (-23.57)
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Straits	2070.74 (+7.36)
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CAC-40	1727.07 (-29.69)
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FT 30	2288.8 (-3.0)
FT 100	2986.9 (-5.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3311.1 (+10.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1227.91 (-15.63)
FT A All-Share	1471.59 (-1.16)
FT Non Financials	1588.56 (-2.90)
FT Gold Mines	n/a
FT Fixed Interest	108.99 (+0.22)
FT Govt Secs	90.63 (+0.10)
Bargains	26525
SEAQ Volume	658.8m
USM (Datastrm)	145.58 (+0.01)
US$	1.6185 (-0.0035)
German Mark	2.2481 (-0.0008)
Exchange Index	85.9 (-0.1)
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£:SDR	1.0569
RPI	146.0 Jan (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

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Throg Dual Zero Div Pf	101½	...
Wessex Trust	11	...
Zotefoams (145)	182	+4

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cadbury Sch Cv Ln (340)	188	+3
Cookson n/p (175)	9½	...
Digty Cv Ln 95 n/p (335)	68	...
Horace Sm Appri n/p (90)	28	...
Shorco n/p (90)	1	...
Torex Hire n/p (50)	2½	...
Wyko n/p (52)	14	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Barclays	599p (+10p)
Kleinwort Benson	566p (+14p)
JD Wetherspoon	499p (+12p)
Inchcape	319p (+10p)
Broken Hill	836p (+12p)
Danka Bs Sys	385p (+22p)
Forward Group	267p (+19p)
GKN	579p (+14p)
Utd Biscuits	352p (+12p)
GUS	529p (+10p)

FALLS:

Raine Ind	30p (-17p)
IMI	295p (-15p)
Honda Motor	993p (-16p)
AB Food	569p (-14p)
Lloyds Chemist	210p (-27p)

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TEMPUS

Rolling recovery

ROLLS-ROYCE investors have been waiting so long for their payoff that a further delay of a mere year or two is scarcely worth a whinge. Indeed, criticism of Rolls-Royce is tantamount to an attack on motherhood, the company so embodies a notion of British engineering excellence tied up with a name that spells tradition.

Unfortunately, none of that is necessarily going to make investors rich. The company is earning a mere £100 million on sales of more than £3 billion, and Rolls-Royce's five-year track record is of the sort that, in a more humble engineering company, might attract the attention of the M&A department in a minor merchant bank.

Rolls has the technology, the product and the brand, but unfortunately it has yet to achieve the sales and in the meantime is trying to make money from servicing while branching out into power generation contracts in developing countries. More important to the immediate future has been the restructuring which should take some £150 million out of the cost base by 1996, leaving the company nicely geared when the aircraft market is expected to come right.

Rolls is taking no risks, however, with its own balance sheet, which is to remain nil geared. Shareholders will stump up the £500 million for Allason this year, and development expenditure is unwinding with relatively small commitments expected for new engines for the A340 and 747.

Financial rectitude should allow Rolls to boost profits to £135 million this year, but the shares still look expensive with no growth in the dividend until 1996.

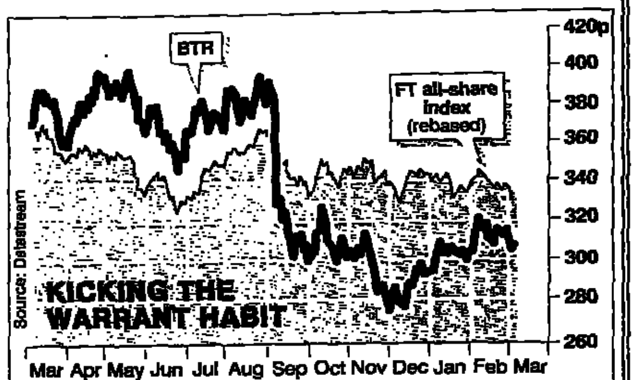
BTR

ON ONE reading of yesterday's results, a fair few chief executives around the world should sleep a little easier. BTR's decision to drop warrant issues after six years is being read by some as a tacit admission that it has no mega-bid around the corner.

Certainly this would be a curious time for BTR to launch one, with Alan Jackson due this year to hand over the reins to Ian Strachan. BTR's warrants had drawn some criticism as being dilutive, and, of the £1.9 billion-worth so far issued, £1.3 billion is still due to flow into BTR's coffers between now and 1998.

Mr Jackson or his successor will keep a lookout for an opportunistic smash-and-grab raid, however. BTR's shares have ridden a roller-coaster since the company upset the market with a slump in margins at the half-way stage last year, so the news of their improvement was being driven home hard yesterday. The group has had some success in passing on to customers the effects of raw materials prices in the second half. This, and cost efficiencies that added £78 million to the year's profit, meant that margins exited the year at 16.2 per cent, a percentage point up on half-way and half a point ahead of a year previously.

Analysts have been upgrading forecasts, and BTR is now expected to make £1.55 billion pre-tax this year, putting the shares on a fair multiple of 13 times earnings.



Arjo Wiggins

ARJO Wiggins Appleton proved yesterday that it is hard to win if you are a downstream paper manufacturer. Last year the company boosted its return on sales despite heavy pressure from the rampaging pulp manufacturers which have almost doubled Arjo's raw material costs in the space of a year.

Arjo pushed through a price increase of about 4-5 per cent last year but it could not hope to cover the increased cost of pulp and most of the profit boost in 1994 came from volume gains as buyers restocked.

That rebuilding of inventories and the pressure of more pulp price increases explains Arjo's warning about margins in 1995. Demand should keep sales volumes increasing this year but upstream manufacturers are warning of another $100 per tonne on the pulp price in June, most of which will be absorbed by fine paper makers like Arjo. Yesterday's dip in the share price reflects those worries and pays little heed to the prospect of strong profits growth; the company is earning 20 per cent margins on carbonless paper and can afford to lose a few points to keep volumes rising.

Those margins could attract a third party and interest is growing in the future of the 40 per cent stake owned by St Louis which could be seeking a new home. But the market is turning against cyclical shares; the likely solution to the stake problem is a European-style merger rather than a bid at a premium price. That may in part explain the caution displayed yesterday by Arjo's board.

Courtaulds Textiles

LAST year saw the biggest increases in the prices of natural fibres for six years. Cotton and wool prices rose by some 35 per cent while man-made fibres saw price increases of 10 per cent.

Courtaulds Textiles' results prove that it is better-placed than many in the sector to absorb such pressures. In spite of sharp cost increases it succeeded in lifting pre-tax profits by 22 per cent and improving margins to 5.4 per cent from 4.7 per cent. Whether it can repeat the success this year remains to be seen.

It will certainly be hard to raise selling prices. Raw material cost increases require garment manufacturers to raise their prices by about 2 per cent and retailers by about 1 per cent to maintain profits. But that will be hard to pull off in a market with nil inflation.

But Courtaulds has a broader geographic spread than many textile companies and a lower cost base. In a difficult sector, the group is probably the pick of the stocks.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	998-980	May	1038-1037
May	996-995	Jul	1048-1047
Jul	1001-1000	Sep	1055-1053
Sep	1008-1006	Dec	1069-1067
Dec	1012-1011		
Mar	1027-1026	Volume:	16264

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	3315-3300	Nov	3133-3120
May	3248-3245	Jan	3120-3100
Jul	3188-3182	Mar	3105-3090
Sep	3153-3145	Volume:	3856

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	328.3-27.4
Spot. 379.0		Mar	325.7-24.4
May	377.4-76.6	May	325.7-22.9
Aug	362.9-62.1	Aug	323.7-20.0
Oct	334.5-34.1	Volume:	704

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	91.27	123.87	120.97
(+/-)	+0.97	+2.00	-0.10
Eng/Wales	91.27	125.55	120.46
(+/-)	+0.97	+2.57	+0.22
(%)	+2.0	-4.0	+5.0
Scotland	unq	123.05	124.00
(+/-)		+0.54	-0.08
(%)		-9.0	-8.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.60	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.70	-0.10
Brent 15 day (May)	16.60	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.15	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.10	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 171 (-1)	O: 173 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	144 (-2)	145 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Apr	145 (-2)	147 (-1)
Non EEC 1H May	146 (-2)	147 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	108 (n/c)	110 (n/c)
Naphtha	172 (+2)	174 (+2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Mar	142.25-42.50	Jun	145.50-45.75
Apr	144.25-44.50	Jul	146.75-47.00
May	144.75-45.00		Vol: 30947

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	16.69-16.70	Jul	16.49-16.51
May	16.61-16.62	Aug	16.44-16.48
Jun	16.57-16.58		Vol: 26599

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	109.70	Mar	104.65
May	111.10	May	105.45
Jul	112.15	Sep	98.25
Sep	99.90	Nov	100.50
Nov	100.85	Jan	102.50
Volume: 190		Volume: 116	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	287.5	295.0
May	unq	345.0
Jul	—	—
		Volume: 46

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Apr 118.75-119.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 95	2226	2205	2225
Apr 95	2235	2200	2233
May 95	2199	2175	2197
Jul 95	1949	1920	1949
Vol. 545 lots		Open interest: 4012	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2913.0-2914.0	2911.0-2912.0	159960
Lead ($/tonne)	594.50-595.00	599.00-600.00	125025
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1033.0-1034.0	1059.0-1060.0	744653
Tin ($/tonne)	5510.0-5515.0	5570.0-5575.0	19335
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1939.0-1940.0	1874.0-1874.5	1415075
Nickel ($/tonne)	7745.0-7750.0	7861.0-7962.0	45600

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom	460	42½	49	53½	1½	10	13½
(*497½)	500	14	22	29½	13	27	31
Argyll	280	12	16½	21½	9½	17	20
(*284½)	300	5	9	13½	22½	30	32½
ASDA	60	10	11½	12	0	1	1½
(*69½)	70	2	5	6	2½	4	5½
Boots	460	20½	31	37	5½	17	19½
(*473½)	500	3	12	18½	29	41	42½
Br Airways	360	30	39	44	3	10½	14½
(*384½)	390	10½	21½	28	13½	24½	28½
BP	390	17	24½	31½	6½	12	17
(*397½)	420	4½	12	17½	24½	29	33
Br Steel	140	15½	19	22	0½	3	4½
(*154)	160	3	7	10½	8	11½	13
C & W	360	24½	34½	41	5	12½	16½
(*377)	390	9	18½	26½	19	28	31½
CU	493	28½	—	—	10	—	—
(*510½)	543	3	—	—	44	—	—
ICI	650	47½	64½	72	3½	10½	17½
(*688½)	700	15½	34	43	21	29½	38½
Kingfishr	420	22½	30	40½	11½	20	22½
(*435)	460	4½	13	23	38½	44	46
Land Sec	550	41	49	52½	2½	12	14½
(*580)	600	8	17½	25	19	37½	40½
M & S	360	21½	25½	34	2½	9	12
(*376)	390	5	12	19	10½	24½	27½
Nat West	460	41½	55	60½	2½	7½	14
(*495)	500	14½	29½	36½	16	22½	30½
Sainsbury	390	23½	30½	37½	3	11½	14½
(*408)	420	7	14½	22½	16	27	29½
Shell	700	15	25	37½	19½	25½	32½
(*705½)	750	0½	8	17½	62	63	65½
Smkl Bch	500	18½	31½	42	10	20	25½
(*505)	550	2½	11½	20½	45½	51	55
Storehse	200	16½	20½	23½	1	5	6
(*214)	220	4	9	12½	9	14½	15½
Trafalgar	50	10	12	14	0	1	1½
(*59)	60	4	6	8½	3	5	5½
Unilever	1150	28	49	75½	25	35	43½
(*1160)	1200	7½	26	51	60	65½	72½
Zeneca	850	31½	59	71	23	34½	43½
(*874½)	900	11	32	49½	54½	62½	71
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	360	15	23½	30	9	15½	17
(*364½)	390	5½	10½	16	27½	32½	34
Ladbroke	160	11½	16½	19½	4½	8	10½
(*168½)	190	3	7½	11	16½	19½	21½
Utd Bisc	330	25½	35	37	8	12½	17
(*351)	360	10½	19	23	24	26½	32½

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	390	33½	41	46½	1½	6½	9½
(*419)	420	11½	21½	29	11	19½	21½
Thames W	440	21	31½	36	6½	23	25
(*471½)	500	5	12½	18	30	48½	49
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	390	29½	35	40	9	18	21
(*418)	420	10½	20	25½	25	33½	37
BTR	300	14	21½	25	9½	13	17½
(*311)	330	3	9	12½	30	32	35½
Br Aero	448	34½	—	—	10½	—	—
(*475)	457	14½	—	—	29	—	—
Br Telcm	360	18	25½	29½	7	15	17½
(*366½)	390	5½	11	16	25	33	35
Cadbury	404	28	39½	—	6½	10½	—
(*426½)	447	8	19½	—	24	28½	—
Guinness	390	20½	28	33	9½	13½	17
(*404½)	420	6	14	18½	28	31	33
GEC	280	13	18	21	6½	13½	15½
(*282½)	300	4½	9	12	19	26	27½
Hanson	220	17	20	22	2½	6	8
(*232)	240	5½	9½	12	11½	15½	18
LASMO	140	16½	20½	23½	2	4	5
(*154)	160	5	9½	12½	11	12½	14
Lucas	180	14	20	23½	5	8½	12½
(*188)	200	5½	11½	15	17	19½	23½
Pilkingtn	160	9½	12	15½	4	8	9½
(*163½)	180	2	4	7	17	20	21
Prudential	300	9½	16	19½	14½	17	20½
(*303)	330	2½	6	9	38	38½	40½
Redland	390	30	34½	38	11½	17	21
(*415)	420	10½	19	23½	28½	33½	37½
R-Royce	140	12	16	18½	4	6	7½
(*149½)	160	3	7½	9½	15½	17	18½
Tesco	240	12½	16½	19½	7½	10	12½
(*245½)	260	3	7½	11	20	22	24
Vodafone	180	14½	19	23½	5	8	10½
(*187½)	200	5	9½	14	15½	19	21
Williams	300	24	28	31	5	9½	14
(*319)	330	6	12½	16	23½	26	29½

FT-SE INDEX (*2988)

	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100
Calls						
Mar	139½	93½	53½	23	6½	1½
Apr	151½	114½	82	55	34	19½
May	173½	136½	106½	78½	57	39
Jun	185	151	122	95	72	53
Dec	—	242½	—	184	—	139
Puts						
Mar	3½	7½	17½	38	73	120
Apr	22	34½	52	75	104	140
May	34½	47½	66½	89½	117½	150½
Jun	47½	62½	82½	104½	132½	163½
Dec	—	106	—	148	—	202

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	420	22½	27½	34½	2	12	18½
(*442)	460	0½	10	16	32½	35½	40½
Amstrad	150	15½	20½	—	1	5	—
(*165)	175	1	6½	—	10	14½	—
Barclays	550	49½	51½	62	1	10	17½
(*599)	600	5½	22½	34	18½	31	40
Blue Circ	260	7	16	22	2	14	19
(*264½)	280	0½	7½	14	15½	27	31½
Br Gas	280	3½	12½	15	2½	13	15½
(*281)	300	0	4	6	19	27	29
Dixons	200	5	15	18	2	7½	13½
(*203)	220	0	6	9½	17	20	26½
Forte	220	11½	16½	22½	0½	7½	10½
(*230½)	240	1	6½	13	10	19½	21½
Hillsdwn	160	13	15	17½	0	4½	7
(*172½)	180	1	4	8	7½	17	18½
Lonrho	130	5	12½	14	1	5	7½
(*134½)	140	0½	7½	9½	6½	10	13
Sears	90	7½	9½	11	0	2	3
(*97½)	100	1	3	6	3	7	8
Thrn Emi	1000	22	56	67	3	20½	39
(*1017½)	1050	1½	30	40½	33	46	66½
Tomkins	220	6½	17	20½	1	7½	13
(*225)	240	0	8½	11½	15	18½	24
TSB	220	12	22½	22	0½	7½	11½
(*231)	240	1	12	17	9½	17½	21½
Wellcome	1000	37½	38½	53	2½	6	9
(*1036)	1050	1½	12½	21½	32	32½	39½
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	31½	52½	65	13	24	35½
(*664½)	700	9½	25½	40	41	50½	65½
HSBC	600	46½	56½	70	12	25½	36
(*642)	650	14	31½	46	37½	51	61
Reuter	420	29	41½	50½	5½	14	17½
(*445½)	460	7	39½	30½	25½	33½	37
	Series	May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	260	20	26½	30½	6½	10	15
(*270½)	280	9½	16	20½	16	19½	25
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	140	6	13	19½	1½	10½	14
(*144)	160	0	5½	10½	16	23	26
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	550	49½	57	68	16½	30	35
(*579)	600	24½	37	45	40½	55	62½
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	420	15	28½	33½	2	14	18
(*433½)	460	0	9½	15	26	38	41½
Scot Pwr	300	12	24	30½	1	6½	15½
(*311½)	330	0	9½	15½	19	24	31½

March 9, 1995 Tot: 49154 Call: 20753 Put: 28401 FT-SE Call: 5486 Put: 10145

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 68149	Mar 95 Jun 95	3012.0 3016.0	3018.0 3021.0	2975.0 2980.0	2986.0 2991.5	16101 2727
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4354	Mar 95 Jun 95	3315.0	3315.0	3300.0	3300.0 3320.0	6 0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 463777	Mar 95 Jun 95 Sep 95	93.10 92.33 91.90	93.15 92.36 91.91	93.09 92.24 91.78	93.14 92.33 91.87	18722 41501 10423
Three Mth Eurodollar *Previous open interest: 2813*	Mar 95 Jun 95				93.60 93.40	0 0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 843871	Mar 95 Jun 95	94.98 94.73	94.99 94.78	94.95 94.70	94.99 94.76	18767 53753
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 100657	Mar 95 Jun 95	101-03 101-12	101-03 101-13	100-16 100-18	100-27 101-01	3765 63761
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95 Sep 95	110.71	111.00	110.40	110.96 110.18	4294 0
German Gov Bd Bund *Previous open interest: 166756*	Jun 95 Sep 95	90.50 89.70	90.53 89.70	89.94 89.70	90.20 89.75	132002 3
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 28437	Mar 95 Jun 95	93.17 93.01	93.17 93.06	92.89 92.80	92.97 92.90	2720 2903
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 45245	Mar 95 Jun 95	96.13 95.90	96.17 95.90	96.13 95.89	96.16 95.97	800 3410
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 55244	*Jun 95* Sep 95	93.56	93.65	92.52	92.75 91.75	40449 0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6⅛. Sell: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6½-6⅜	6¾-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7⅛	7⅞-7¾
Interbank:	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7⅛	7⅞-7¾

Overnight: open 6¼, close 5.

Local Authority Deps:	6¼	n/a	6¾	7⅛	7¾
Sterling CDs:	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7	7⅞-7¾
Dollar CDs:	6.04	n/a	6.21	6.36	6.78
Building Society CDs:	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7⅛	7⅞-7¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6¼-6⅛	6⅝-6½	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅝-4½	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4⅞	4⅞-4¾	5½-4½
French Franc:	11-7	10-6	10-6	10-6	9-7
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	4-3⅞	4⅜-3⅝
Yen:	2⅜-2	2⅜-2¼	2⅜-2¼	2⅜-2¼	2⅜-1⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $380.15-380.55 **Close:** $381.30-381.80 **High:** $381.90-382.40 **Low:** $378.20-378.70 **AM:** $381.00 **PM:** $380.90

Krugerrand: $384.00-386.00 (£237.50-239.50)

Platinum: $417.50 (£255.65) **Silver:** $4.60 (£2.865) **Palladium:** $155.00 (£96.05)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5194-2.5321	2.5194-2.5226	¼-⅛pr	1¼-¾pr
Brussels	46.79-46.70	46.39-46.50	2-7ds	6-4pr
Copenhagen	9.0400-9.0930	9.0580-9.0720	¼-1ds	⅜-½ds
Dublin	1.0021-1.0063	1.0022-1.0048	5-14ds	18-34ds
Frankfurt	2.2454-2.2593	2.2454-2.2486	⅜-¼pr	1-⅞pr
Lisbon	235.55-237.11	235.95-236.97	45-131ds	248-319ds
Madrid	206.46-207.49	207.10-207.40	49-69ds	126-164ds
Milan	2650.90-2671.60	2660.80-2670.70	9-10ds	23-29ds
Montreal	2.2564-2.2936	2.2905-2.2935	0.30-0.40ds	0.54-0.67ds
New York	1.6052-1.6216	1.6150-1.6160	0.06-0.04pr	0.21-0.17pr
Oslo	10.0240-10.0710	10.0240-10.0390	1⅛-⅝pr	3½-2½pr
Paris	7.9900-8.0310	7.9940-8.0130	¼-1¼ds	2¼-4¼ds
Stockholm	11.4790-11.5720	11.5140-11.5390	1¼-2¼ds	4-6ds
Tokyo	146.07-147.38	146.07-146.33	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Vienna	15.81-15.90	15.81-15.84	2¼-1¼pr	7¼-6¼pr
Zurich	1.8717-1.8894	1.8724-1.8753	⅜-¼pr	1⅜-1¼pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3486-1.3493
Austria	9.78-9.79
Belgium (Com)	28.78-28.80
Canada	1.4146-1.4151
Denmark	5.6136-5.6146
France	4.9565-4.9575
Germany	1.3915-1.3925
Hong Kong	7.7300-7.7310
Ireland	1.6178-1.6193
Italy	1646.25-1646.32
Japan	90.92-91.02
Malaysia	2.5473-2.5483
Netherlands	1.5600-1.5605
Norway	6.2326-6.2346
Portugal	146.05-146.20
Singapore	1.4160-1.4170
Spain	127.96-128.11
Sweden	7.1315-7.1415
Switzerland	1.1580-1.1590

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6199-1.6225
Australia dollar	2.1842-2.1870
Bahrain dinar	0.5985-0.6105
Brazil real*	1.4309-1.4352
Cyprus pound	0.71-0.72
Finland markka	6.930-7.046
Greece drachma	364.75-371.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.5226-12.5320
India rupee	50.41-51.37
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4695-0.4795
Malaysia ringgit	4.1256-4.1298
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.5040-2.5094
Pakistan rupee	48.95 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9525-6.0785
Singapore dollar	2.2922-2.2945
S Africa rand (fin)	6.0923-6.1285
S Africa rand (com)	5.8256-5.8374
U A E dirham	5.8275-5.9515

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	389	Legal & Gn	1,200
ASDA Gp	13,000	Lloyds Bk	3,700
Abbey Natl	2,000	MEPC	414
Alld Dom	2,000	Marks Spr	2,000
Argyll Gp	1,500	*NatWst Bk*	2,300
Arjo Wiggin	3,000	Nat Power	11,000
AB Foods	413	Nth Wst W	748
BAA	3,100	P & O	1,700
BAT Inds	4,300	Pearson	846
BOC	2,000	PowerGen	3,300
BP	6,700	Prudential	3,200
BTR	13,000	*RMC*	141
BT	10,000	RTZ	5,000
Bk of Scot	1,200	Rank Org	1,800
Barclays	7,600	Reckitt Col	827
Bass	1,400	Redland	1,900
Blue Circle	1,100	Reed Intl	1,800
Boots	991	Rentokil	2,000
Bowater	1,400	Reuters	2,100
Brit Aero	1,300	Rolls Royce	4,800
Brit Airwys	3,800	Ryl Ins	1,100
Brit Gas	3,800	Ryl Bk Scot	1,500
Brit Steel	3,500	Sainsbury	880
Burmah Cstl	390	Schroders	77
Cable Wire	6,700	Scot & New	188
Cadbury	4,600	Scot Power	1,900
Caradon	1,800	Sears	2,800
Carlton Cms	260	Svrn Trent	424
Cm Union	3,000	Shell Trans	5,400
Courtaulds	1,400	Siebe	736
De La Rue	1,100	SmKl Bch	2,300
Eastern Elec	2,100	*Smith Nph*	1,900
Enterpr Oil	2,000	Sthrn Elec	3,000
Forte	1,500	Std Chartd	2,700
GKN	2,600	Sun Allnce	795
GRE	2,700	TI Gp	504
GUS	1,400	TSB	6,800
Gen Acc	1,000	Tesco	2,400
Gen Elec	3,900	Thames W	1,100
Glaxo	4,000	Thrn EMI	1,500
Granada	1,000	Tomkins	7,500
Grand Met	2,600	*Unilever*	1,500
Guinness	2,300	Utd Bisc	2,300
HSBC	2,100	Vodafone	4,500
Hanson	9,800	Warburg	2,100
ICI	4,500	Wellcome	6,600
Inchcape	7,900	Whitbread	502
Kingfisher	1,800	Wllms Hld	626
Ladbroke	3,000	Wolseley	1,700
Land Secs	338	Zeneca	2,000

WALL STREET

	Mar 9 midday	Mar 8 close
AMP Inc	38	37¾
AMR Corp	60½	59¾
AT & T	51½	51¼
Abbott Labs	35	34¾
Advanced Micro	33¾	33½
Aetna Life	53½	53¾
Ahmanson (HF)	17½	17½
Air Prod & Chem	47¾	47½
Albertson's	31½	31½
Alcan Alumnm	24¾	24½
Alco Standard	65½	65½
Allied Signal	37¾	37½
Alum Co of Am	37¾	38
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	50¼	50½
Amer Brands	37½	37½
Amer El Power	32½	32½
Amer Express	32¾	33
Amer Genl Corp	30½	30½
Amer Home Pr	71½	71½
Amer Intl	100½	100½
Amer Stores	24½	24½
Ameritech	41½	41½
Amoco	60½	60½
Anheuser-Busch	56½	56½
Apple Computer	40	39½
Archer Daniels	19	19
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	45½	45½
Asarco	26	26½
Ashland Oil	33	33½
Atl Richfield	111½	111½
Auto Data Pro	61½	61
Avery Dennison	37½	37½
Avon Products	54½	55½
Baker Hughes	20	19½
Baltim Gas & El	23½	23
Banc One	27½	28
BankAmerica	46½	46½
Bank of NY	31½	30½
Bankers Tr NY	60½	60½
Barnett Banks	44½	43½
Bausch & Lomb	35½	32½
Baxter Intl	31	31½
Bectn Dicknsn	53½	53½
Bell Atlantic	51½	51½
BellSouth	57½	57½
Black & Decker	26½	26½
Block (H&R)	38½	38½
Boeing	45½	45½
Boise Cascade	31½	31½
Borden Inc	13	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	61½	61½
Browning Ferris	30½	30½
Brunswick	19½	19½
Burlington Nthn	55½	55
CBS	63½	63½
CNA Financial	72½	72½
CPC Intl	52½	51½
CSX	73½	71½
Campbell Soup	46½	46½
Can Pacific	14½	13½
Cap Cities ABC	87	86½
Carolina Pwr	26½	26½
Caterpillar	49½	48½
Central & SW	23½	23½
Champion Intl	36½	38½
Chase Manhat	34½	34½
Chemical Bk	37½	37½
Chevron Corp	47½	47½
Chrysler	41½	41½
Chubb Corp	77½	77½
Cigna Corp	73½	74½
Citicorp	40½	40
Clorox	61½	61½
Coastal Corp	26½	25½
Coca Cola	55½	55½
Colgate-Palmolive	62½	62½
Columbia Gas	25½	25½
Compaq Comp	37½	37½
Comp Ass Intl	61	61½
Conagra	31½	32
Conrail	51½	51½
Cons Edison	26½	26½
Cons Nat Gas	36½	36½
Cooper Inds	36½	36½
Corning Inc	32½	32
Crown Cork	42½	42½
Dana Corp	23½	22½
Dayton Hudson	69½	69½
Deere	75	74½
Delta Air Lines	55½	55
Deluxe Corp	27½	27½
Detroit Edison	27½	27½
Digital Equip	33½	32½
Dillard Dept St	26½	26½
Disney (Walt)	54½	54½
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donnelley (RR)	33½	33½
Dover Corp	59½	59½
Dow Chemical	64½	63½
Dow Jones	34½	34½
Dresser	20½	20½
Duke Power	38	37½
Dun & Bradstreet	52½	52½
Du Pont	55½	55½
Eastman Kodak	50½	50½
Eaton Corp	49½	49½
Emerson Elec	64½	63½
Engelhard Corp	26	26

	Mar 9 midday	Mar 8 close
Enron Corp	33½	33½
Entergy	21½	21½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	64½	64½
FMC Corp	59	59
FPL Group	34½	34½
Federal Express	62	62
Fed Nat Mtge	73½	73½
First Chicago	48½	48½
First Interstate	79½	79½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	47	46½
Ford Motor	25½	25½
GTE Corp	33½	33½
Gannett	53½	53
Gap Inc Del	31½	31½
Gen Dynamics	45½	45½
Gen Electric	53½	53½
Gen Mills	60½	60½
Gen Motors	40½	40½
Gen Reinsurance	125½	125½
Gen Signal	35½	35½
Genuine Parts	38½	38½
Georgia Pac	74½	74½
Gillette	79½	79½
Glaxo ADR	21½	21½
Goodrich (BF)	42½	42½
Goodyear Tire	35½	35½
Grace (W&R)	43½	43½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20½	20½
Great Wstn Fin	17½	17½
Halliburton	38½	38½
Harcourt General	37½	37
Heinz (HJ)	38	38½
Hercules	44½	43½
Hershey Foods	48½	48
Hewlett Packard	118½	118½
Hilton Hotels	67½	68½
Home Depot	44½	44
Homestake Mng	16½	16½
Honeywell	35½	35½
Household Intl	43½	43½
Houston Inds	37½	37½
Humana	23½	23½
ITT Corp	96½	96½
Illinois Tool	44½	44½
Illinova	22½	22½
INCO	27	27
Ingersoll Rand	29½	29½
Inland Steel	26½	27½
Intel Corp	80½	79½
IBM	80½	79½
Intl Flav & Fr	49½	50½
Intl Paper	72½	71½
James River Va	23½	23½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	57½	58½
Kellogg	55½	54½
Kerr-McGee	49½	49½
Kimberly-Clark	51	50½
Kmart	12½	12½
Knight-Ridder	54½	54½
Lilly (Eli)	68½	68½
Limited Inc	19½	18½
Lin Bradcstng	121½	121
Lincoln Nat	40	40½
Litton	34½	34½
Liz Claiborne	15½	15½
Lockheed	76½	75½
Louisiana Pac	27	27½
MCI Comm	19½	19½
Marriott Intl	32½	32½
Marsh & McLnn	82	82
Masco Corp	25½	25½
May Dept St	34	34½
Maytag Corp	15½	15½
McDonalds	32½	33
McDonnell D	56½	56½
McGraw Hill	69½	70
Mead Corp	51½	51½
Medtronic	63½	62½
Mellon Bk	37½	38½
Melville Corp	31½	31½
Merck Inc	41½	42½
Merrill Lynch	41	41
Minnesota Mine	54½	54½
Mobil Corp	89½	89½
Monsanto	76½	76½
Morgan (JP)	62	61½
Motorola Inc	56½	56½
Natl Medical	15	15½
Natl Semi	17	17½
Natl Service Ind	26	26½
Navistar Int	13½	12½
NBD Bancorp	30½	30½
NY Times A	20½	20½
Newmont Mng	40½	39½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	75½	74½
NL Industries	11½	11½
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	38½	38½
Norfolk Sthrn	64½	64½
Nthn State Pwr	43½	43½
Norwest Corp	25½	25½
Nynex Corp	38½	38½
Occidental Pet	20½	20½
Ohio Edison	19½	19½
Oracle Systems	32½	32½
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11½

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Owens Corning	33	33½
PPG Industries	36	36
PNC Bank	23½	24½
Paccar Inc	42½	42½
Pacificorp	18½	18½
Pac Enterprises	24½	24½
Pac Gas & Elect	24½	25½
Pac Telesis	29½	29½
Pall Corp	19½	19½
Panhandle East	22½	22½
Parker Hannifin	44½	44½
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	43½	42½
Pennzoil	47½	48½
Pepsico	38½	38½
Pfizer	83½	83½
Phelps Dodge	53½	54
Philip Morris	62½	63½
Phillips Pet	35½	35½
Pitney Bowes	35½	35½
Polaroid	32½	33½
PriceCostco	12	12½
Procter & Gmbl	65½	66½
Providian	34½	34½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	32½	32½
Ralston Purina	48½	47½
Raychem Corp	39½	39½
Raytheon	70½	70½
Reebok Intl	35½	35½
Reynolds Metals	47½	48½
Roadway Srvcs	51½	52
Rockwell Intl	38½	38½
Rohm & Haas	53½	53½
Royal Dutch	115½	116½
Rubbermaid	33½	33½
Safeco Corp	54½	54½
St Paul's Cos	49	48½
Salomon Inc	32½	33
Santa Fe Pac	21½	11½
Sara Lee Corp	25½	25½
Seecorp	15½	15½
Schering Plough	76½	77½
Schlumberger	57½	57½
Scott Paper	81½	81½
Seagram	30½	30½
Sears Roebuck	49½	49½
Shell Trans	68½	69½
Sherwin Wlms	33½	33½
Skyline Corp	18½	18½
Snap-On-Tools	33½	33½
Southern Co	19½	19½
Sthwestern Bell	40½	40½
Sprint Corp	28½	28½
Stanley Works	39½	39½
Sun Company	28½	28½
Sun Microsys	32	32
Suntrust	52½	52½
Supervalu	26½	26½
Sysco Corp	28½	28
TRW Inc	66	64½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	16½	16½
Tandy Corp	45½	44½
Teledyne	22½	22½
Temple Inland	46½	46½
Tenneco	44½	44½
Texaco	65½	65½
Texas Inst	86½	85
Texas Utilities	31½	31½
Textron	53½	53½
Time Warner	37½	37½
Times-Mirror A	17½	17½
Timken	34½	34½
Torchmark	40½	40½
Toys R Us	24½	24½
Transamerica	54½	53½
Travelers	37	37½
Tribune	54½	54½
Tyco Labs	52½	52½
UST Inc	29½	28½
UAL	91	91½
USX Marathon	17½	17½
Unicom	24½	24½
Unilever NV	126	126½
Union Camp	48½	48½
Union Carbide	27	27½
Union Pacific	50½	50½
Unisys Corp	9	8½
USAir Group	6	6
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	36½	36½
US West	38½	38½
United Tech	65½	65½
Unocal Corp	28	28
Upjohn	34½	34½
VF Corp	49½	50½
WMX Tech	26½	26½
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24½
Warner-Lambert	75½	75½
Wells Fargo	159½	156½
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	39	38½
Whirlpool	51½	52
Whitman	17½	17½
Winn Dixie	55½	55½
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43½	44
Xerox	110½	110½
Yellow Corp	19	19½

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TINY ROWLAND may no longer be flavour of the month at Lonrho, but they still rate him in Ghana. Ashanti Goldfields, the Lonrho-managed gold mine of which Tiny is (still) a director, held its agm recently in the Len Clay football stadium, Obuasi. My mole tells me when other directors were introduced to the crowd there was two minutes of polite applause. But when Tiny's name was mouthed shareholders went wild. An old Africa hand tells me: "My awe on first sight of the Valley of a Thousand Hills some years ago had nothing on this. The stadium shook with stamping feet. The air was rent with traditional African greetings." Whatever will it be like at the Barbican when Lonrho shareholders gather for their agm on March 24, I wonder?

Lambeth gnomes

UBS, already a consultant to 160 local authorities in Britain on Treasury management, has just been signed up by Lambeth Council at an annual fee of £35,000 to advise on the restructuring of its whopping £805 million long-term debt. Lambeth, which used to proclaim itself a nuclear free zone, is new ground for UBS, and the gnomes of Zurich are said already to have saved Lambeth taxpayers an estimated £700,000. But don't expect Lambeth Council to be in the money markets just yet. Gary Moss, director of finance, told councillors at a closed session: "We still have problems in the money markets because of our name".

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Thinking big makes little sense for the world's poor

Janet Bush on the passing of macro reforms in development

Cedric Brown is best known for being the man who took a large pay rise at British Gas while considering pay cuts for his employees. It is less widely known that Mr Brown is a member of the Government's advisory committee on business and the environment.

Lord Alexander of Weedon's main job is chairman of National Westminster Bank. But he is also one of a high level group of "five wise persons" advising the Government on sustainable development issues. Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest, sits on the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the EC consultative forum on the environment.

It is public knowledge that a relatively small group of highly paid top businessmen and industrialists dominate the membership of Britain's network of quangos, remuneration committees and advisory boards. Thanks go to Nick Mayhew, environmentalist and business lecturer, for revealing that some of the same people are heavily involved in development policy too.

This is just one illustration of how development issues are dominated by big interests, big players. At the Social Summit in Copenhagen this week, large NGOs (non-governmental organisations), including Oxfam and Christian Aid, were on the brink of walking out because they were not being allowed access to key committee meetings.

Such exclusion — finally resolved yesterday — was probably to be expected at the 50th anniversary meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank last autumn, when NGOs, often unwelcome critics of their policies, were allowed a tiny boxroom to hold briefings and meetings.

Events this week question the extent to which there has been any rapprochement between the big money/big player approach to development and the grassroots work of organisations such as Oxfam. There had been some encouraging signs. The World Bank's stand-offish view of NGOs has slowly begun to change because of a realisation that pure macro-economic reform without poverty alleviation and social programmes to ease the pain of transition is unsustainable.

Big infrastructure projects, 'though still important, are no longer so dominant". In the past five years, the proportion of World Bank lending devoted to "basic" development needs such as clean water, education and health has risen from about 5 per cent to nearer 20 per cent.

This switch is born of past failures. An example of generous but misguided aid was the building of a new hospital in Uganda about three years ago.

Many women in the developing world lost jobs through privatisation and an issue close to Cedric Brown

There were two problems. Firstly, Uganda could not afford to run the hospital once it was built. Secondly, user fees for healthcare were introduced under a strict World Bank-designed structural adjustment policy, and Ugandans could not afford to use the hospital.

Donors are beginning to recognise the effectiveness of aid targeted at the micro-level. The best schemes are not designed, imposed and run by outsiders but work because they involve local people.

Baroness Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development and the Government's representative (in the absence of both John Major and Douglas Hurd) at this week's Summit, talks enthusiastically about the National Association of Business Women in Malawi, which has got village women growing their own vegetables and digging trenches to collect rainwater.

Then there is the clever introduction by the Government of a breed of long-horned cattle to the Umberara region of Uganda that produces low fat milk.

Womankind Worldwide, based in Britain, is at the cutting edge of the new thinking. It concentrates on development, not relief, and it specifically supports women, critical players in the struggle for sustainable development but long neglected by past development policies.

Among about 150 projects around the world, Womankind supports a livestock cooperative for hill tribes women in southern India, trains people to make solar ovens in Mexico, provides money to send girls to secondary school in Zimbabwe, gives revolving loans to women farmers in Ghana and runs literacy programmes for agricultural labourers in Nicaragua.

An enthusiast for Womankind's work, Lady Chalker favours a "back to basics" approach to development, not only because it is more effective but because she believes that local-level development is crucial if macro-economic reform is to be successful. "We are asking people to make very painful economic decisions and they ought to have projects to help them get through," she said.

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She argues that practical relief at village level would do far more to win people's patience and acceptance of economic reform than large infrastructure projects that are too remote to ordinary people. It has taken a long time for donors such as Britain to recognise that macro-economic reform without development from the bottom upwards is not working. The World Bank still sits in an uncomfortable half-way house.

Officials remain wedded to a deeply conservative view of macro-economic reform based on classic free-market thinking: balanced budgets, low inflation, free trade, privatisation and deregulation. And yet there is, at the same time, a long-delayed acknowledgement that macro reform alone has not worked in most cases. Not only have many countries that have been structurally adjusted failed to grow any faster, but poverty and social deprivation have increased.

The World Bank believed that their adjustment programmes would involve only a short and shallow transition. That has now changed. The bank has recognised the need for social safety-nets to mitigate the pain of structural adjustment programmes. As one official put it: "We have got religion." Short, sharp shock macro-economics is now being supplemented by long-term investment in people.

The World Bank's strategy document for the Copenhagen Summit listed four priorities: investing in basic education; girls' education; cost-effective health services; and early childhood development. Development, it says, must be "people-oriented and include efforts to reduce inequality and better management of economic change". The intractable — and perhaps unavoidable — flaw in the World Bank's new twin track approach is that macro-economic reform, which invariably involves squeezing economies, often threatens social development and hits the poor particularly hard.

Kate Young, Womankind's director, reported from Nicaragua: "The usual IMF and World Bank nostrums are having a very negative effect on the poor." Reforms had filled the shops in Managua with imported foodstuffs, boutiques sported glamorous clothes and flashy new restaurants and bars had opened up. But there were also beggars of all ages and signs of growing prostitution — a sure sign of increasing poverty. Many women in the countryside had been thrown out of their jobs courtesy of privatisation and rationalisation.

That is something which Cedric Brown is familiar with. British Gas's rationalisation plans aim to lose 25,000 jobs, a third of the workforce, over the next three years.

Barings fall rids Simex of a wild card

Neil Bennett, in Singapore, hears how rivals saw the heyday of Nick Leeson

Futures traders in Singapore are angry at the damage that the failure of Baring Futures has done to the reputation of the Singapore International Monetary Exchange and other Simex members. Slowly, they are beginning to speak out, albeit anonymously, about the firm and its bizarre ways.

The head of a rival futures firm that watched the exponential growth of Baring Futures makes no secret of his satisfaction at the company's subsequent distress. "The Barings traders were very arrogant when they were the biggest traders. The futures community is not going to miss Barings."

Barings was a late-comer to the 11-year-old Simex market. It gained a seat only in 1992, when more than 300 firms traded there. The futures chief remembers Nick Leeson from almost the day he arrived to set up a futures back office. "He went around trying to get business from other firms," he said. Mr Leeson tried to market Barings's links with other futures markets, with limited success.

At first Barings's presence on Simex was almost invisible. It did a little brokerage for other parts of the group, but was dwarfed by the large US investment houses that then dominated the market. The change came in late 1993, when Morgan Stanley moved the focus of its futures operations to Hong Kong. Suddenly, Mr Leeson started appearing on the floor and very rapidly Barings became the market's biggest trader.

"It did not seem strange at the time because Barings had a good name in broking," the futures chief said. The Barings traders bragged about a mysterious US hedge fund that they had as a client. However, it began to dawn on rival dealers that not all was as it seemed. "Their trading activity was curious. Hedge funds come in big once in a while when they are buying or selling. The commission that a hedge fund would have been paying would have been enormous. But Barings was in the market every day as a big buyer or big seller."

The market realised that much of this trading was on Barings's own books. "There was talk in the market that Barings must be crazy to be trading like that. But no one fully understood what they were doing."

> ‘It did not seem strange at the time . . . Barings had a good name’

Ironically, Simex awarded Barings a trophy last year, as part of the market's tenth anniversary, for doing the most customer business. In reality, there were no customers. Barings Futures Singapore had only four clients and three of them were other group subsidiaries. However, while Nick Leeson predicted the direction of the Nikkei index correctly, the firm made vast profits.

All this activity was useful for the 37 other members of the market. "They provided a lot of liquidity," said the futures chief. If a firm had a position, it could rely on Barings to buy it. Since the collapse of Barings, daily bargains on Simex have fallen by up to half.

At the heart of Barings's wild activity, there was always Nick Leeson. "He was the most visible of expatriates. The Barings traders were good. When you are a big trader you win everyone's esteem. All eyes were on him." Mr Leeson basked in being seen as the market's big hitter, a complete contrast to his time as a securities clerk with Coutts and then Morgan Stanley in London.

The Barings traders underestimated the size of the Japanese stock market. Simex is a backwater compared with the vast Tokyo and Osaka markets. As big as Barings was in Singapore, it could never hope to influence the Japanese market, as the Nikkei's slide after the Kobe earthquake proved.

Simex has settled down since the Barings crash, particularly after Singapore's operation to close Barings's loss-making futures positions. Remaining dealers are shaken, but relieved that a wild force in the market has gone. Investigations into what went on in Barings Futures will continue for months and the company may well never reopen. If ING is ever allowed to bring it back to Simex, the bank's new subsidiary will return as a very different business.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Who speaks for bank customers?

From Dr Robert M.H. Lefever

Sir, With reference to bank profits: the employees of Barclays Bank have their own professional body to represent their interests.

Who will have the courage to represent the bank's customers?

We had no choice whatever but to accept the charges and dictates of the bank in times of general economic difficulty and it was our money that provided the profits.

Yours faithfully
ROBERT LEFEVER,
2a Pelham Street
London
SW7.

Outcry from buyers of PowerGen and National Power is opportunistic

From Mr Malcolm Grimston

Sir, Even as a small shareholder, I knew the risk I was taking when I applied for 800 shares in National Power and PowerGen. It was a combination of the general risks of shareholding, and the particular risks of this still-misfiring industry.

I therefore find it difficult to have any sympathy with the institutions which subscribed to this offer. Indeed, I find it difficult to see how else the Government could have acted. To abandon the offer before the publication of the regulator's ideas would have prompted a panic over-reaction far more serious than that which has occurred, to the detriment of many shareholders in the Recs and in the other generators.

Caveat emptor. I bought National Power and PowerGen because I have been impressed by their success in developing overseas markets; it has been clear for five years that their domestic position would weaken as competition increased.

The regulator has not changed that fundamental position, and the complaints from investors who should know better sound opportunistic.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. GRIMSTON,
67 Trevelyan Road,
Tooting, SW1.

Ban buyouts from receivers

From Michael R Bond

Sir, The relief I felt that the receivers at Pentos did not sell it back to the management will, I suspect, be shared by many others. Time and again we have seen management buyouts followed by bonanzas for the new owners.

I can accept that this can arise from releasing entrepreneurial talent from the straitjacket of a large corporation, and fully support buyouts from existing owners where the strengths of the parties are equal. But the case of a company in receivership is entirely different.

The scandal of strategic liquidation to offload liabilities and restarting with the same management buying the assets from the receiver should be ended once and for all by a ban on managers of a business in liquidation being bidders for it.

This would certainly focus existing management's time and talent on ensuring they maintain it as an on-going concern, and remove the temptation to let it run down a bit for a cheap buyout.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL R. BOND,
119 High Street,
Chesterton,
Cambridge.

Note of concern over a reduced bonus from Norwich Union

From Maureen E. Garnett

Sir, As one of the thousands of with-profits policyholders of Norwich Union who has just recently received notice of a reduced bonus for 1994, I also noted with concern the swingeing reduction in the amounts expected to be realised when these policies reach maturity.

Although Norwich Union is a mutual, ostensibly owned by its with-profits policyholders, these latter have no say in the way the company's business is conducted. However, they are called upon to suffer the losses in respect of fines incurred because of malpractice, and threatened litigation against the company in its wake. One lawsuit alone from a former tied agent is reputedly for £2 million-plus.

All communications from this company's Norwich office are forwarded in envelopes franked with the legend "Know of a serious crime? — Contact crime stoppers". Reading the figures contained in the envelope left the feeling I had been "seriously mugged". Perhaps the time has come for this provocative caption to be abandoned.

Yours faithfully,
MAUREEN E GARNETT,
The Coach House,
Grayswood Common,
Haslemere, Surrey.

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Preliminary unaudited results for the year to 28 January 1995

25% PROFIT INCREASE

	1994/95 £m	1993/94 £m	change %
Sales	2575.5	2420.0	6
Trading Profit	141.3	116.5	21
Interest	24.5	23.3	
Profit before tax	116.8	93.2	25
Taxation	22.5	16.2	
Preference dividends	0.2	0.2	
Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions	94.1	76.8	23
Retentions	51.1	42.3	
Partnership Bonus	43.0	34.5	

Profit sharing
All the equity capital of John Lewis Partnership plc is held in trust for the benefit of the workers in the business.
The profit remaining after taxation, preference dividends, pensions and allocations to reserves is distributed yearly among the workers as Partnership Bonus in proportion to their pay. This year the rate of distribution will be 12% of pay (1993/94 10%).

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INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grolund Amer	157.10	168.30	+ 2.70	0.31
Grolund Equity	224.30	238.50	+ 2.00	2.13
Grolund Euro	193.20	204.40	+ 0.30	0.50
Grolund Eqt Bal	107.10	111.00	− 2.30	2.70
Grolund Gilt	72.22	74.46	+ 0.05	5.67
Grolund Japan	152.20	161.60	− 0.50	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	505.60	537.80†	+ 1.30	3.10
General Inc	440.80	469.80†	− 4.20	3.10
UK Growth Acc	339.80	361.50	+ 0.40	3.12
UK Growth Inc	232.80	247.50	+ 0.40	3.12
Higher Inc Acc	633.30	673.70	+ 0.80	4.32
Higher Inc Inc	366.00	389.40	+ 0.40	4.32
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	182.60	192.90†	+ 0.20	6.12
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.58	91.49†	+ 0.07	6.12
Nth America	257.70	274.20	+ 4.60	..
Far East	319.20	339.60	+ 4.80	0.30
Europe	264.20	281.10†	+ 0.10	0.90
Brit Excell	67.52	71.83	+ 0.01	3.33
Brit Fxdvalls Acc	96.35	102.50†	...	5.11
Brit Fxdvalls Inc	69.05	73.46†	− 1.70	5.11
Global Opps	79.51	84.59	+ 0.78	0.42
Balanced Acc	51.24	54.52	+ 0.13	3.30
Balanced Inc	50.00	53.20	+ 0.13	3.30
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	124.70	132.30†	+ 0.80	8.87
High Inc Equity	150.50	161.00	+ 0.30	4.89
Worldwide Bond	264.30	280.60†	+ 1.90	5.42
Capital Growth				
American Growth	270.10	289.30	+ 5.10	.83
Asian Pacific	284.50	302.70	+ 6.50	..
Assets & Earnings	241.60	257.20	− 6.60	3.12
Comdty & Energy	92.97	98.90†	+ 1.01	13
Euro Capital Inc	127.20	136.00	+ 0.10	71
(Accum Units)	135.80	145.20	...	.71
General	214.10	227.80†	− 0.30	2.39
Japan	111.50	119.30	+ 0.70	
Mastertrust	130.80	139.90	+ 0.80	1.87
UK Growth Dist	109.30	116.90	− 0.50	3.11
US Emerging Cos	128.70	137.60	+ 2.80	
Income & Growth	358.60	381.50		3.28
Ethical	63.22	67.35	− 0.04	3.20
International	104.20	110.80	+ 0.40	1.05
Dividend & Growth	56.25	59.84	+ 0.12	4.70
Global Gwth & Sec	66.43	70.66	+ 0.08	2.05
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.34	£16.68	+ 2.80	..
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	42.37	43.96	+ 0.02	0.70
Cash	50.06	50.06†	+ 0.01	5.84
Emerging Mkts	58.21	61.89	− 0.77	0.06
European	105.80	110.70†	+ 0.20	..
Exempt	900.80	971.00	− 3.40	1.92
Extra Income #	43.41	46.51†	+ 0.04	8.40
Far East Emg Eco	103.80	110.30	+ 1.40	0.57
Fixed Interest #	21.82	22.91†		9.03
Fund Inv Tst	154.00	162.00	− 0.80	1.04
Japan	163.50	171.40	+ 1.50	..
Latin American	36.68	38.58	− 1.82	1.26
Pacific	65.70	69.33	+ 0.84	0.38
Property Share	59.24	62.16	− 0.12	2.20
UK Emerging Cos	59.21	62.16	− 0.15	1.99
UK Growth	41.11	43.59	+ 0.10	2.69

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	635.50	638.80		4.87
Fxd Int Sec	145.85	146.00	.	9.93
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	58.46	62.19	+ 0.22	3.29
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	625.05	625.22	...	4.97
Accum	£28.80	£28.98	.	..
Fixed Int Inc	119.00	119.16	..	9.73
Fixed Int Acc	187.15	187.60	..	..
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 637 7697				
Intl Growth	104.12	113.50	..	..
UK Income	101.26	108.61	...	5.47
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	72.71	77.23	...	1.57
Beck Bio-Tech	25.75	28.64	− 0.38	..
Acorn Ethical Tst	144.02	151.68	...	0.74
City Fin Assets	63.11	67.14	...	1.94
City Fin America	79.83	84.14	...	.
City Fin Intl	68.73	72.35	...	1.0
City Fin Japan	147.96	155.74	..	.
Friars Hse Cap	250.82	280.88	..	1.75
Friars Hse Inc	182.92	188.88	..	4.24
Buckley Wrld Gth	111.25	118.35†	..	0.10
Fairmnt Cap Gth	125.60	133.62	− 1.40	..
Fairmount Intl	136.58	145.28	− 2.66	..
City Fin Pflo Inc	51.31	54.58	+ 0.23	4.51
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	48.76	51.10	+ 0.01	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	54.85	58.66	+ 1.24	..
Allas Mngd Gwth	33.77	36.12	+ 0.37	0.52
Europn Growth	59.96	64.13	+ 1.56	0.83
Equity High Inc	75.59	80.42†	+ 0.18	4.39
(Accum Units)	102.43	108.97	+ 0.24	4.39
European Gwth	47.91	50.97	− 0.09	1.06
Evergreen	26.25	28.07	+ 0.61	...
General Equity	77.18	81.89	− 0.03	3.09
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.77	24.98	+ 0.03	8.31
Japan Growth	47.30	50.50	+ 0.39	.
Pedigree Gwth	46.77	49.75	+ 0.06	2.93
Pcl Sm Cos Inc	28.12	29.92	− 0.08	1.44
(Accum Units)	29.22	31.09	− 0.09	1.44
Retirement Inc #	23.65	25.18	+ 0.01	8.33
Special Sits	34.91	37.14	− 0.01	2.19
UK & Overseas	44.83	48.84	+ 0.26	1.50
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 888 000				
Capital	63.49	66.88†	+ 0.06	2.38
Income	57.01	60.43†	+ 0.07	4.37
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	146.14	155.47	+ 0.25	6.15
Fixed & Convertible	38.01	40.44	+ 0.05	7.80
Monthly Inc Plus	45.65	48.88	+ 0.10	9.17
Preference Share	44.98	47.74	− 0.02	7.73
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	112.36	119.53		7.80
Managed Fund	63.28	67.32	+ 0.43	3.13
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.72	38.00	+ 0.05	1.78

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	364.10	372.60†		1.41
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	106.10	112.10	− 0.28	0.63
Emrg Asian	150.30	162.70	+ 2.00	.
High Income	20.24	21.50†	+ 0.03	10.47
Ocean Income	85.02	90.72	+ 0.70	3.56
UK Growth	98.92	106.00	+ 0.29	1.89
UK Income	98.52	105.18	− 0.10	3.99
US Smaller Cos	285.00	304.80	+ 5.40	0.12

	Sell	Buy	+/-
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690			
Model Ptflo	186.90	198.30†	+
Smaller Cos	30.60	32.67†	+ 0
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT			
Enquiries: 01277 263 230 Dealing: 01277 234 7			
UK Funds			
Special Sits	274.86	294.13†	+ 1
Best of British	59.79	63.55	+ 0
UK Smaller Cos	113.04	127.51†	+ 0
High Income Funds			
Income & Growth	255.56	272.16	+ 0
(Accum Units)	686.40	730.58	

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BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	442	..	5.2	8.3
314	233	Allied Irish†	258	..	5.5	9.9
278¾	171	Aus New Z	214	+ 1	5.3	7.8
3300	2462½	Bank America†	2887½	+ 50	...	...
247	172½	Bank Scotland	202	+ 1	3.3	11.4
640	487	Barclays	599	+ 10	4.5	8.6
319	246	Bk of Ireland	300		4.8	8.7
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2407½	− 25	...	...
285¼	203	Close Bros	238		4.2	10.6
£150¾	£121½	Commerzbk	£147½	− 14¾	6.0	..
1296¾	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1143¾	+ 15¾	0.5	..
£344¾	£270¼	Deutsche Bk	£318½	− 7⅜	2.4	..
1319¾	625	Espirito Santo	665½	+ 3¼	12.1	..
90	57	First Nat Fin	72		2.8	46.0
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1371¼	+ 28¾	0.4	
473	195	Hambros	198	+ 2	8.5	72.2
1113	589	HSBC	642	+ 5	5.4	7.8
1133	578	HSBC HK	635	+ 4½	5.5	7.7
443	383	Joseph (L)	383	− 5	5.8	11.1
693	424	Kleinwort Bens	566	+ 14	4.7	11.0
660	519	Lloyds†	578	+ 6	5.6	9.7
620¾	472	Nat Aust Bk	494	+ 6	6.9	8.6
622	421	Nat West†	494	+ 5	5.5	8.0
3390	2100	Oversea Bank	2975	...	6.1	5.7
79	53	Rea Bros	58		2.0	16.2
528	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	405		4.2	11.5
1574	1050	Schroders	1388	+ 13	1.7	12.8
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1363	+ 5	1.8	11.6
114	75	Singer & Fried	82		4.8	10.8
358¼	229	Stand Chart	267	+ 2	3.8	7.9
291	197	TSB†	231	− 1	4.8	9.9
1012	569	Warburg SG	688	− 7	4.0	12.6
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9762½	+ 25	2.9	..
260	194	Westpac	218¾	− ½	2.5	..
380	203	Wintrust†	215	...	6.2	14.4

BREWERIES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	145	Ascot Hldgs	148			
619	485	Bass	480	− 3	5.4	12.1
299	239	Boddington	246	..	4.6	12.4
196	168	Burtonwood Brw	170	...	3.8	14.2
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	155	...	3.3	18.8
66	48¾	Fosters Brewing	54	+ 1	5.1	14.0
493	335	Fullr Sm 'A'	345	+ 2	2.8	14.3
511	399	Greenalls Gp	405	− 1	4.0	13.3
584	452	Greene King	471		3.5	12.8
267	238	Hardy Hanson	254	− 1	4.6	12.4
170	135	Heavitree	156		3.6	

DISTRIBUTORS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	94	ABI Leis	94	..	5.4	10.8
317	248	Acal	294	..	3.0	15.9
596	353	Adam & Harvey	545	..	3.6	6.8
31	19	Alexanders†	19	..	6.6	*
175	88	Appleyard	93	...	7.8	16.4
6	3¾	Ass Br Eng	3¾	− ½	1.7	26.8
578	495	BSS Group	532	...	4.3	18.8
25½	17	Bearing Power	20¾	...	6.1	10.5
405	245	Bletchley Mr	250	..	5.2	10.3
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	3.1	11.8
370	288	Brammer	349	...	4.7	19.4
31	12	Bridgend Gp	14	..	1.8	72.8
99	78	Brit Fittings	94		3.0	..
71	36	Brown & Tawse	36			
57	35	Burndene	38	− 1	6.3	*
465	245	Callyns	245		5.9	40.2
59	12	Castel Plc	17¾	+ ½	7.9	9.7
130	86	Central Mtr	67	..	5.1	44.6
51	32½	Cook (DC)	35		4.1	10.7
342¼	197½	Cowie†	243		4.7	*
192¾	127	Dag Motors	128	− 2	6.3	14.7
683	446	[illegible]	588		1.4	14.5
628	414½	Diploma	418	− 1	4.0	14.7
580	443	Electrocomponents	483	− 2	2.6	20.2
175	133	Electron House†	153	− 3	2.9	12.9
283	225	Ellis & Everard†	244	...	4.0	18.2
234	183	Eurodollar	193		5.5	15.1
173	87	European Mtr	87	− 4	6.5	9.5
539¾	368	Evans Halshaw	368		4.8	11.6
656	490½	Farnell Elect	541	− 1	1.8	22.2
78	50	Fife Indmar	53		6.5	7.8
34	15	Gardiner†	20	− ½	5.0	*
46	16	Glenchewton	16		..	17.7
80	60	Gowrings	71	..	3.5	21.5
76	59	Hallin Hldgs	62	..	..	48.4
172	132	Harris (Philip)	168	...	5.1	14.7
342¾	258	Henlys	284	...	3.8	*
191	87	Holders Tech	87	− 2	8.6	9.4
138	98	ISA Intl	98	− 1	2.2	12.2
609	388	Inchcape	399	+ 10	5.9	10.6
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	13.4
184	142	Kwik-Fit	143	..	3.5	16.4
573	277	Lex Service	297	+ 3	8.1	15.4
282	162	Lookers	172	..	5.6	9.2
20	14	Mattys Grp	14	...	2.2	...
9	3½	Middlesex ©	6¾	...		
440	279	Norbain	380	...	0.7	17.0
100	47	Northamber	87	...	1.9	36.8
175	152	PCT	152	..	6.1	14.7
370	225	Pendragon	226	..	4.1	14.9
238	124	Perry Gp	124	− 1	7.1	6.8
218	126	Quicks Group	135		4.9	14.2

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
20½	11	Locker (T) A	12	...	4.2	...
49	29	ML Hldgs†	29		3.7	10.1
67	21	MS Intl	21	...	8.8	12.7
179	128	Mang Bronze	154		3.2	12.0
539	378	McKechnie	390	..	4.7	22.9
120	81	Meggitt	79	..	6.2	12.7
130	101	Metair	108	...	4.3	17.9
133	98	Metsec	131	...	2.9	18.2
589	487	Molins	490	...	4.0	9.9
408	293	Morgan Crble	304	− 1	5.3	14.8
217	176	Morris Ashby†	194	...	4.0	14.0
51	33	Neepsend	33	...	4.7	16.6
128	48	Nicolonics	68	...	3.1	10.8
60	40	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...
59¾	15½	OMI Intl	15½	− ½	14.1	68.2
358	277	Oxford Inst†	320		2.0	18.9
341	218	Powerscreen	248½	+ ½	3.8	10.5
23¾	12½	Prospect Indst	12½	− ¼	8.5	8.4
108	60	Radiant Metal	73	...		...
71	13	Ransomes	58	− 1	...	...
95	70	Record	84	...	5.5	
291	243¾	Renishaw	290	...	2.8	22.8
192	126	Renold	188	...	2.0	28.2
73	50	Richard (Leics)	50		5.6	35.8
104½	73	Richardson West	73		5.5	18.0
204	148	Rolls-Royce	148½	+ 1½	4.3	*
195	156	Rotork	161	...	3.4	16.4
180	134	Rubicon†	138	..	3.8	25.8
150¾	67	Senior Eng	72½	+ 2	5.9	11.8
270	245	Servomex	266	...	3.1	28.4
630	488	Siebe†	515	− 3	2.8	16.6
130½	74	Simon Eng	81	...	...	...
82	35	Six Hundred	80	− 1	2.3	27.5
1459¾	1031¼	SKF 'B'	1125	− 15¾	...	...
527¼	411	Smiths Ind	437	+ 3	3.7	16.8
465	337	Spirax-Sarco	432		2.9	18.4
287	197	Sterling Ind	232	..	3.8	15.1
456	328	TI	337	− 5	4.8	15.2
121	92	Tinsley (E)	97	...	7.2	13.2

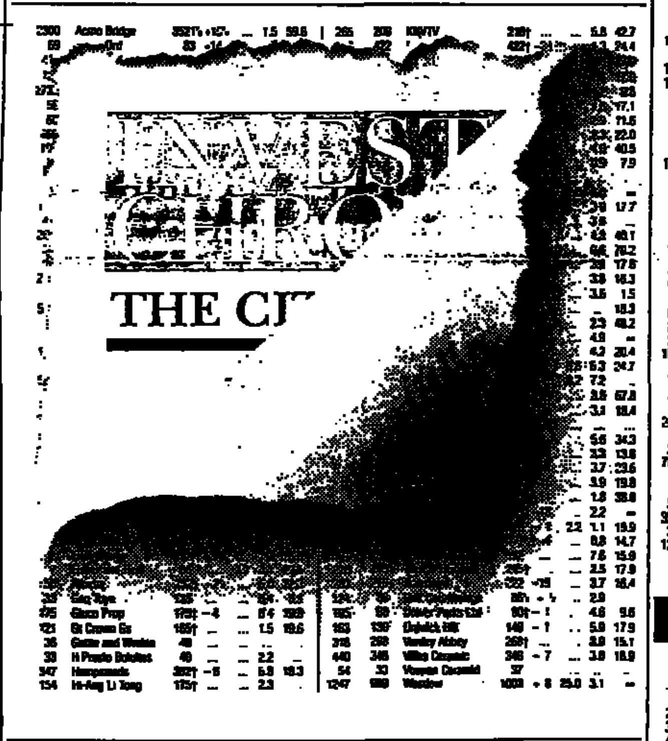
1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
219	172	Bankers	174½	...	2.8	...
75¼	32	Baring Em Eu	33¼		0.4	
381	300	Baring Tribune	308	+ 1	2.7	*
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	1.2	*
91½	84¾	Br Assets†	85¾	+ ¼	6.3	
98	83	Br Empire Sec	83½	...	1.4	..
46	25	Br Empire Wts	26	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	200	...	3.1	..
105¾	63¼	Brazilian	74¾	− 7¾	0.4	...
272	212½	Brunner†	213	...	3.2	...
161	117	BZW Conv	126½	− 1	7.8	...

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	54	Murray Euro†	56½	...	0.8	*
29½	13	Murray Eu Wts	13½	...	...	...
393	308	Murray Income	310	− 1	4.8	...
385	296	Murray Intl	312	...	6.1	...
164¾	153	Murray S/C DP	163	...	..	...
174	126	Murray S/C Cap	126			...
97	73½	Murray S/C Inc†	74	..	17.9	..
3400	3050	Murray S/C Ulst	2925	..	4.5	...
543	377	Murray Small	378	...	1.4	...
363	302½	Murray Vent	327		4.4	...
58	15	Newmarket	16			

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
306	133	Border TV†	187	− 5	2.7	17.2
413	353	Bristol	353	...	4.4	35.9
279	244	B Sky B	253			47.6
189	117¼	CIA Gp	137	...	1.6	22.2
36½	22¾	Caledonian Med	23	...	...	...
439	325½	Capital Radio	381	− 12	2.5	22.5
1047	797	Carlton Comm†	884	− 4	3.0	15.9
99	78	City of Lon	86	..	6.4	13.1
1650	1130	Daily Mail	1390¾	− 6¼	1.5	23.8
1484¾	868¾	Daily Mail 'A'	1043¾	− 9¾	2.0	17.7
329	260	Dorling Kind	296		1.4	31.7

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
105	80	Herald	80			...
116	80½	HTR Jap Smaller	87½	− ½	0.6	...
27	13	IBS Eaf	13			
119	93	IBS UK Smllr	94	...	3.7	...
129	119	Inv Capt	120	...	5.4	...
99	84	Int Biotech	84	...		
58	26	Int Wts	26	...	...	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	127	..	...	...
122	82	J Fry 2nd Ut	83		8.8	...
100	84	J Fry Euro U	85		7.3	...
255	177	JF Fledg Jap	189	+ ½	...	...
121	99	Jupiter Intl Grot	99	...	4.3	...
343	194	Klnwt Cnrt	198	...	3.3	
149	97	Klnwt E Mkt	100	+ 2½	...	..

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
315	219	Barr & Wall	219		6.5	*
280	135¾	Bluebird Toys	237	− 8	4.3	6.9
365	231	Boosey Hwks	335		1.9	19.8
7¼	2½	Brent Walker	2½	...	...	...
200	100	Bristol Scotts	178	...	2.1	...
7¼	¼	Buckingham Int	¼	...	...	...
256	114	Chrysalis	253	...	...	...
94	71	City Centre Rest	71	− 1	3.1	14.4
374	305	Compass Gp†	312	+ 5	2.7	16.2
290	232	Eurocamp†	254	+ 6	5.2	11.5
213	78	Euro Disney	152	...	...	..
4	2	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats†	414	...	4.7	19.1
131	81	First Choice†	109	...	4.4	28.5



1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
124	105	Klnwt End	111	...	...	...
88½	73	Klnwt Euro Pnt	74½	+ ½	1.3	...
49	22½	Klnwt Euro Wts	23	+ ½	..	...
116	77	Klnwt H Inc†	78	...	12.8	...
272½	213	Klnwt O'seas†	215½	+ 1	2.0	*
185	115	Klnwt Smlr	115	..	3.4	
201	74¾	Latin American	75¾	− 3¼		
826	672	Law Debenture	735	− 4	3.3	
129	93	Lazard H Inc†	95	...	8.4	...
97	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	78			
35	28	Lloyds Sm Div	28	..	17.5	*
129	105	Lloyds Sm Pkg	105		4.4	*
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	164		4.8	...
108	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	81	+ ½	4.9	...
334	265	Lowland	284	− 1	4.1	...
1440¾	887½	Lydenburg	1250		1.8	...
630	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	518	+ 3		
151	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	116		25.8	

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
350	245	First Leisure†	278	...	3.2	17.5
285	209½	Forte	231	...	4.1	27.3
207	160	Friendly Hotels	160	...	4.5	30.6
79	40	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	..
596	475	Granada†	499	− 3	2.5	14.9
118	95	Groupe Chez Ger	108	..	...	14.9
96	28	Hi-Tec Sports	29	...	12.0	4.3
216	106	Hornby	106	...	10.8	8.3
187½	142½	Jarvis Hotel	184¼	+ ¼	3.7	16.6
18¼	11¾	Kunick†	17½	..	3.6	20.1
399	200	London Clubs	365	...	5.8	13.5
217½	145	Ladbroke	169	− 2	4.5	..
104	49	Magnolia	49	..	0.3	..
140½	107¾	Man Utd	124	...	4.2	2.0
109¼	64¼	Mandarin Orntl	75½	+ ¼	4.2	18.8
15	10¼	My Kinda Town	11¼	..	1.1	...
81	34	Northern	73	..	5.1	12.1
102	65½	Pelican Grp	76	..	2.1	15.8

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	127	M&G Rec Pcngs	128	+ 1	3.8	...
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	73¾	..	...	...
128	99	M Came Euro	103	...	0.4	*
180	119	M Came Pac	125	+ 1	0.3	*
227	183	Majedie	183	..	3.6	...
57	44	Marakin	55			
324	237	Merchants	243	+ 1	5.8	...
90	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	79¾	+ ½	0.9	..
45	24½	Mercury Eur Wt	25		...	
125	81	Mercury World	81	− 1	1.0	*
52½	17	Mercury Wld Wts	17	− 1		..
595	482	Monks Inv Tst	487	+ 1	1.8	..
158	125	Morg Gren Inc	126	...	4.8	...
64	39	Morg Wts	41			
111	48	Morg Lat Amer	49½	+ ½	..	..
65	20	Morg Wts	22½	...	...	...
148	104	Murray Ent	110½	...	2.4	..
58	26	Murray Ent Wts	28	...	...	...
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	74½	...	...	...
42	26	Murray Em Ec Wt	27	...	...	...

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1165	959	Thorn EMI	1018	− 10	4.3	18.5
167	75	Tottenham Hot	156	+ 1	0.8	16.2
176	129	VCI	176	...	1.5	15.7
149	112	Vardon†	138	...	1.4	*
78	5	Wembley	6	..		..
149	107	Zetters Gp	117	...	10.1	9.1

MEDIA

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	337	...	2.2	30.6
355	198	Adscene†	295		3.0	18.5
33	17½	Aegis Gp	22½		...	...
11¾	2½	Allied Radio	2½	...	...	...
26	13	BBB Design	13	...	...	35.8
235	155	Barbour Index†	166	...	5.8	16.8
13½	5	Berkdale	5¼		...	...
345	320	Black (A&C)	320		5.3	11.6
402	178	Blenheim Gp	187	− 1	6.9	7.0

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
7700	6881¼	Royal Dtch Ft	7140¾	+ 28¾	4.9	*
4084¾	3221¼	Schlumberger	3558¾	+ 50	2.1	...
68	39	Scott Pickford	39	...	2.9	7.5
90	50	Seafield	80			
758	651	Shell	706	+ 2	4.9	*
187	116	Soviet Eng Sr	#116		...	...
4237½	3287½	Total	3300	− 134¾	2.8	16.0
19	8½	Wiltss Grp	8½	...	...	...
245	178¾	Woodside	231		1.6	...
110	28	XCL	55			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	79	..	6.9	*
132	98	Baltic Plc	131	...	2.9	*
185	55	Beaty Bch Mbl	55	..	11.6	8.3
215	148	Bisbo Inv	150	− 1	...	...

BRITISH FUNDS

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103¼	97¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	99¹⁵⁄₁₆		3.02	6.56
107²⁹⁄₃₂	101¹¹⁄₃₂	Exch 10¼% 1995	101¹¹⁄₃₂	..	10.11	6.67
113¾	103²⁷⁄₃₂	Treas 12¾% 1995	103²⁷⁄₃₂	...	12.28	6.97
117⁵⁄₁₆	105¹⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 14% 1996	105²¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	13.25	7.12
121²⁵⁄₃₂	108⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	108½		14.06	7.36
117²⁵⁄₃₂	106⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	106¹¹⁄₃₂	..	12.46	7.49
112⁷⁄₃₂	103⁵⁄₃₂	Conv 10% 1996	103¼	...	9.69	7.64
100¾	96¾	Treas 7% 1997	97¹⁵⁄₁₆	− ¹⁄₃₂	7.19	8.18
121¹¹⁄₁₆	108⁷⁄₁₆	Treas 13¼% 1997	108²¹⁄₃₂	− ¹⁄₁₆	12.18	8.02
114⁹⁄₃₂	104⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	104¼	+ ¹⁄₁₆	10.07	8.06
110⁵⁄₁₆	100⅝	Treas 8¾% 1997	100⅞		8.67	8.30
131¹⁵⁄₃₂	114¹⁵⁄₁₆	Exch 15% 1997	115⁷⁄₃₂	− ¹⁄₃₂	13.02	8.39
114²⁵⁄₃₂	102¹⁵⁄₃₂	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⁵⁄₁₆	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.46	8.48
106⁷⁄₃₂	95¾	Treas 7¼% 1998	96²³⁄₃₂xd	+ ¹⁄₃₂	7.50	8.47
102	93¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95¼	+ ¹⁄₃₂	7.09	8.49
131⁷⁄₃₂	114⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 14% 1998-01	114¹¹⁄₁₆		12.21	8.62
140⁵⁄₁₆	120⅜	Treas 15½% 1998	120²¹⁄₃₂xd	+ ¹⁄₃₂	12.83	8.54
125²⁵⁄₃₂	109⁵⁄₃₂	Exch 12% 1998	110⁷⁄₁₆	+ ¹⁄₃₂	10.87	8.62
116⁵⁄₃₂	100⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	102²³⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.24	8.61
139⁵⁄₃₂	111⁷⁄₁₆	Exch 12¼% 1999	111²³⁄₃₂xd	+ ¹⁄₃₂	10.95	8.67
121⁵⁄₁₆	105²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 10½% 1999	106¼	+ ¹⁄₁₆	9.88	8.67
101²⁵⁄₃₂	89²⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 6% 1999	90⁹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₁₆	6.63	8.62
121¹⁵⁄₃₂	104¹³⁄₁₆	Conv 10¼% 1999	105⅝	+ ¹⁄₁₆	9.70	8.74
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
116⁵⁄₁₆	99⅞	Conv 9% 2000	101⁷⁄₃₂		8.90	8.67
98¾	96	Treas 8% 2000	97¼	− ¹⁄₃₂	8.24	8.61
136²⁹⁄₃₂	116⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 13% 2000	117⅜	− ¹⁄₃₂	11.06	8.79
122¼	103⅞	Treas 10% 2001	105²⁵⁄₃₂	− ¹⁄₃₂	9.49	8.79
108⁵⁄₁₆	89²⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 7% 2001	91⁵⁄₁₆	+ ¹⁄₃₂	7.67	8.71
123⁹⁄₃₂	102²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 9¾% 2002	104¹⁵⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.32	8.86

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
100¹⁹⁄₃₂	97	Treas 8½% 2005	98¹¹⁄₃₂	− ¹⁄₃₂	8.64	8.71
125⅛	102¾	Conv 9½% 2005	104⅛	− ¹⁄₃₂	9.12	8.82
143⁷⁄₁₆	118⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120⅝	+ ¹⁄₃₂	10.38	8.84
112²⁷⁄₃₂	90⅝	Treas 7¾% 2006	92¹⁷⁄₃₂	− ¹⁄₃₂	8.35	8.73
111⅝	91²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 2002-06	94⁷⁄₁₆	+ ¹⁄₁₆	8.47	8.78
136¹³⁄₁₆	112¾	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114¾	+ ¹⁄₃₂	10.24	9.06
118⁹⁄₃₂	95¹³⁄₃₂	Treas 8½% 2007	98⁹⁄₃₂	− ¹⁄₃₂	8.65	8.71
151¹⁵⁄₁₆	124¹³⁄₃₂	Treas 13½% 2004-08	126⁹⁄₃₂xd		10.53	9.04
124¹⁷⁄₁₆	99⁷⁄₁₆	Treas 9% 2008	102³⁄₃₂†	− ¹⁄₃₂	8.80	8.70
115⁵⁄₁₆	91²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 2009	94¼†	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.49	8.69
LONGS (over 15 years)						
99⅞	77¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 6¼% 2010	80⁵⁄₁₆	+ ¹⁄₁₆	7.81	8.58
126¹¹⁄₁₆	100³⁄₃₂	Conv 9% 2011	102²⁷⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.75	8.65
127¾	100⅛	Treas 9% 2012	103¹¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.73	8.64
93¾	71¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73¹⁵⁄₁₆xd	+ ¹⁄₃₂	7.48	8.42
117²³⁄₃₂	92	Treas 8% 2013	94⅝†		8.47	8.59
114⅝	89⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92¹³⁄₁₆	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.35	8.60
128⅛	99⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 8¾% 2017	101¹⁵⁄₃₂	..	8.60	8.56
159½	126⁵⁄₁₆	Exch 12% 2013-17	128¹⁵⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.31	8.80
UNDATED						
54¹⁵⁄₃₂	39¹⁵⁄₃₂	War Ln 3½%	41	+ ⅛	8.54	...
37¾	27⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 2½%	28½†	− ⅛	8.77	...
INDEX-LINKED						
204¾	197²³⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2% 1996	204¹⁵⁄₁₆†	..	2.10	3.74
113⁵⁄₃₂	105⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅛	...	2.85	3.83
176⅛	163½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	169⁵⁄₁₆xd	− ⅛	3.50	3.93
179⅜	159⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162¹⁵⁄₁₆	− ⅛	3.80	3.94
114⅝	107⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108¹⁵⁄₃₂	− ⅛	3.83	3.86
184¹⁵⁄₃₂	165⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2% 2006	169⁹⁄₃₂	− ⅛	3.88	3.93
168⁵⁄₁₆	149¾	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152¹¹⁄₃₂	− ⅛	3.73	3.95

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
154	108	Brunner Dolphin†	124	...	5.0	9.5
757	620	Caledonia	628	..	3.3	17.2
2550	1909	[illegible]	2300	...	1.7	8.1
22½	17½	Carlisle	17½	− ½	1.8	
630¾	418	Cater Allen	432	+ 4	8.2	8.9
174¾	125	Cattles	156	...	4.2	17.5
85	26	[illegible]	26	...	...	57.5
16	12	EFG	14½	..	0.9	9.5
71¼	45½	EFT Group	68½	...	3.2	14.4
740	513	EFM	731	...	4.1	22.0
212	158	Exco	182	+ 5	5.8	5.0
229	157	[illegible]	164½	+ ½	3.0	19.0
515	395	Gerrard Nat	395	− 5	7.8	11.4
465	269	Govett†	270	+ 1	6.6	4.6
1308	845	Henderson Ad	978	+ 3	5.8	13.6
251½	151	Invesco	163¾	− 1½	2.9	26.8
50	37	Investment Co.	46	...	4.8	14.7
250	185	Ivory Sime	202	...	4.6	15.7
317	193½	Jardine Strat	231¾	− ¾	3.5	9.5
438	95	Johnson Fry	116	...	1.6	3.7
170	89	King Shaxson	89		12.6	8.8
345	131	Lon Forfaiting†	135	+ 1	8.4	*
124	95	Lon Scot Bk†	117	...	3.4	1.3
1243	794	M & G	983	− 1	3.5	16.9
323	218	MAI	228	+ 2½	4.3	[illegible]
117½	85½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	88½	..		
887	598	MAM	732	− 8	3.9	17.1
252½	85	Nat Home Loan	108¾	+ 6¾	.	9.9
1268	970	Perpetual	1220		3.6	13.3
573	415	Provident†	548	...	4.7	13.5
365	245	Rathbone Bs	277	+ 2	3.8	13.7
28	21½	Rutland Tst	25½	..	4.4	12.9
368	281¾	S & U	307	+ 2	4.5	10.0
425	142	[illegible]	144	...	7.8	5.4
188	105	SJP Capital	107	..	3.5	7.6
498	324	Smith New Ctr	477	− 3	2.6	5.5
224	73	[illegible]	73	...	7.9	17.4
65	23	Trio Hldgs	24	..	[illegible]	39.4
199	72	Union	74	..	[illegible]	*
31	20	Western Selects	22	...	1.4	..

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
11½	7½	ERA Gp	9	...	..	..
284	107	Essex Furnt	108	− 1	5.3	12.0
326	170	Etam	184	...	5.2	10.2
558	320	Fine Art Dev	321	...	5.6	8.8
68	46	Fired Earth	49	..	...	...
106	71	Flying Flowers†	95	...	2.5	12.4
279	124	French Conn	279	+ 2	..	11.8
284	205	Frost Group	233	...	2.9	28.5
66	49	Gieves	52	...	3.6	18.6
136	85	Goldsmiths Gp	116	− 1	2.0	20.8
653	493	GUS†	529	+ 10	3.2	15.2
195	164	Hamleys	[illegible]	...	3.2	17.7
38	21	Hampden Gp	33	...	3.8	...
227	142	Hse of Fraser	144	+ 1	4.3	13.0
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	80	..	4.0	13.1
255	238	JJB Sports	248	...	3.0	15.2
778	379	Kingfisher	435	− 5	4.3	11.4
276	100	[illegible]	107	..	1.8	30.5
435	243	Liberty	243		2.5	...
380	210	Lloyds Chem	210	− 27	5.8	6.7
184	108	MFI	110	...	4.7	13.8
460½	368½	Marks Spencer	375½	− 2½	3.2	16.7
680	495	Menzies (John)†	510	..	3.0	12.1
377	238	Moss Bros	347	...	3.1	13.7
275	214	Next	261	− 1	3.2	16.8
59	20	OEM	31	...		
97	38	Oliver (G)	91	...	1.4	*
113	73	Partridge Fine†	86	..	4.8	9.6
37	4½	Pentos	#4½	..	..	...
298	130	QS Hldgs	130	..	5.0	14.2
62	7½	Rhino Gp	8	− ½	..	..
209	116	Rosebys	116	...	5.1	13.6
132	96	Sears	97½	...	4.8	16.5
46	16½	Signet Group	16½	...	..	5.7
549	404	Smith WH†	414	+ 5	4.7	21.3
1260	638	Sotheby†	675	+ 12	3.8	32.5
252	189	Storehouse	214	− ½	3.3	17.6
306	151¼	Stylo	169	...	2.0	11.4
198	148	T & S Stores	155		5.0	11.0
172	99	Tie Rack	99	..	2.2	11.8

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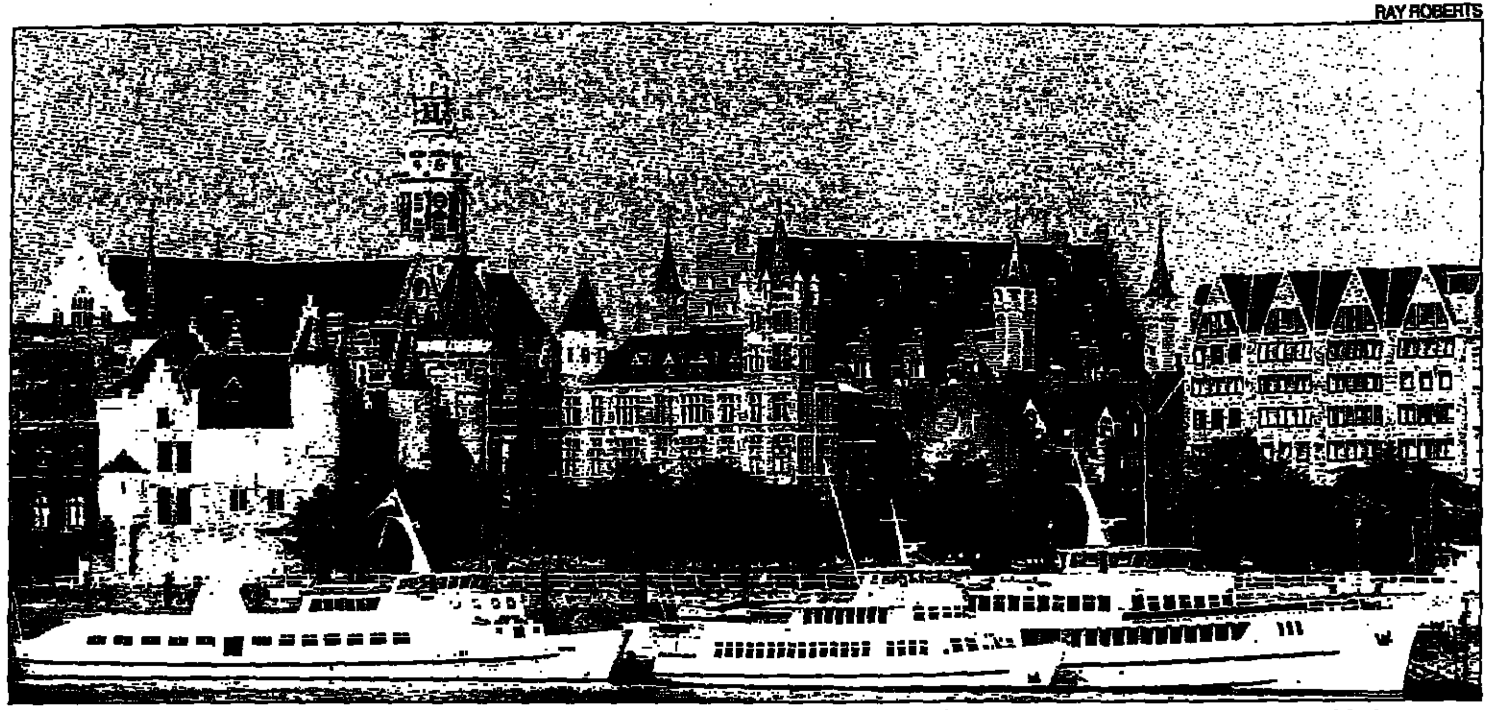
INFOTECH

Beneath its roads, a Belgian city is wiring itself up to provide online facilities to every citizen, writes **Matthew May**

Europe's most intelligent city?



RAY ROBERTS

The city council of Antwerp has put in an advanced network of 25 miles of optical fibre, with another ten miles to be added soon

Antwerp *is an intelligent* city, or at least that is how the city council is promoting one of Europe's largest ports and the traditional home of the diamond trade. The council says Antwerp is well on the way to becoming one of the most advanced examples of a city wired up for "telematics" — providing a combination of high-capacity communications and computer power for general use.

Beneath Antwerp's roads, the council can already boast control of an advanced network of 25 miles of optical fibre, with another ten miles to be added soon. This is the initial development for the sort of Metropolitan Area Network that is predicted to be the basis of any self-respecting city in the future.

In Antwerp a wide range of services should be introduced. One project, for example, is the telecontrol of water quality, including the use of the network to monitor the temperature and quality of the water in the city's swimming pools from a central laboratory.

Another project is looking at the transmission of multimedia patient records that can include both medical data and medical images, such as X-rays and scans. Using the network they can be sent from one hospital in the area to another. If doctors refer patients to another hospital for an examination with specialised equipment they can retrieve the data for diagnosis quickly and efficiently.

There are also security applications including the central monitoring of some of the city's buildings, such as schools and hospitals, where sensors that can detect fire, gas leaks or burglaries will automatically alert the relevant authorities. At the other end of the scale, companies will be able to apply for permits and send official documents online and, it is hoped, get a speedy response.

One of cornerstones of the council's strategy to become a wired up city is the provision of tele-services, initially by providing special booths in public places where the public can access information and perform certain transactions.

Provided by IBM, which used *similar* technology at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, three such multimedia kiosks are being tested in Antwerp. IBM is convinced that self-service terminals able to show video and print documents can be suitable for everything from selling holidays to providing government information.

As well as a being able to search for local job vacancies and get a print out of the information, Antwerp's kiosks provide a range of information on city services, from recycling to refuse collection. Antwerp residents can input their national identity card and request a range of forms such as an application for council housing.

By the end of the year there should be 15 kiosks on trial. There are also plans to add the booking and sale of tickets for anything from concerts to buses that would be printed out on the spot. The council also hopes that services such as applying for a driving licence, notifying services when moving house or even arranging to have a wasp nest removed will soon all be possible at the touch of a button on a nearby public kiosk available 24 hours a day.

In a few years the city expects to be able to provide the same sort of "civil services" directly in people's homes using the local cable television network and via online PCs.

Technology has already made itself felt in Antwerp. More than 90 per cent of the population has cable TV and half the parents of school-age children are said to have a PC. Antwerp was also one of three Belgian cities chosen to start voting electronically in last year's European elections — in a country where *voting is compulsory.*

Though it may seem futuristic, the council argues that the sort of services it is planning will eventually become an everyday part of local government. Once, it says, providing playgrounds for children, meeting places for old-age pensioners and council-run sports facilities were considered novel and futuristic. Online services will soon become just as ordinary.

For Antwerp the investment in the network is also a calculated attempt by the council to try to attract businesses to the city. While some of the projects already attract European Union funding many do not, though the council stresses that its plans will go ahead regardless. Extra money, it says, will be used to speed up the process.

But providing more information just because the technology exists will not always be for the best. Those city employees already wired into the network have not been slow to beigin to ask for access to the Internet, says Rene Jochems, of the Informatica Centrum Antwerpen, the city's information technology authority.

Like many other organisations, the council is wary of providing a full link and will probably limit Internet access to electronic mail only. As Mr Jochems says: "Can you imagine what it would do to productivity if everyone was playing with the Internet all day?"

How to be a cartoon character

A new service is game for a laugh

THE Compuserve network is to offer subscribers the ability to create and control their own online animated identities, *Matthew May writes.* Dubbed "avatars", the idea of cartoon characters has been developed with the Japanese computer giant, Fujitsu. It says users will be able to "take part in a variety of activities, including social functions, decorating *their apartments*, scavenger hunts and running their own *virtual business*".

Among other things, avatars can walk, sit, stand, pick up and change the colour of their clothes. "It looks slightly like a cartoon version of a television programme where people are walking around and doing different things," Michael Beirne, of Fujitsu, says. "It's your persona that you're moving."

Compuserve says the service — called Worlds Away — reflects the way online networks are trying to expand their traditional subscriber base from those mainly interested in technology or people *looking for businesss and* information services. Mainstream consumers, it says, will use online technology only if it is fun and easy to use.

The service will be available from the middle of the year. Fujitsu and Compuserve are also co-operating on the development of an online service for Japan and South Korea.

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It's a machine of two halves

IBM has come up with a unique keyboard

In the hunt for fresh customers: IBM's new Butterfly

Computer giant IBM *has come up with* a possible answer to the problem of how to reduce the size of a portable computer yet retain a reasonably sized keyboard. Reducing the size and weight of portables is seen as a key factor in attracting new customers.

Buyers are particularly eager for smaller computers, but ones where the keyboard size will not have your fingers crashing into each other as soon as you type above crawling speed.

Code-named the Butterfly, *the new IBM portable has* a keyboard that has been split into two halves. When the machine is opened the two halves mechanically spread and interlock to form a larger size keyboard that overhangs the case by almost an inch on each side.

Packing enough computer power into a portable computer has never really been a problem. What defines the size of most portables is how big a screen and keyboard customers want. For many, there comes a point where the convenience of a smaller portable computer starts to be offset by the fiddliness of using a cramped keyboard.

Analysts are impressed with the new machines, arguing that the company has scored against its rivals because the product is different. There are several models on offer — which are being sold as part of IBM's Thinkpad range of portables — depending on computer chip, the size of the hard disk and what quality of 10-inch colour screen you want. The weight is about 4.4lbs.

Attractive design has long been seen as more important in portables than desktops — *not least because psychologists* report that there can be a *pride of ownership* attached to a portable.

Yet, like desktop PCs, portables have so far looked very similar. Hence some analysts are predicting that IBM's unique design will take off and its main problem will be in meeting demand for such a "hot" product. On the other hand, the new portables are not cheap, at £3,000 to £4,500, *and they use Intel's 486* computer chip not the faster Pentium.

Rivals are expected to try to copy the innovative mechanical design at a lower cost although IBM says it will eventually add the feature to cheaper models in its Thinkpad range.

MATTHEW MAY

Plain and simple

MICROSOFT has dropped plans to include other programs on a CD-Rom disc that will contain the *Windows* 95 operating system. The decision follows fierce opposition from retailers who fear a potential loss of business.

Customers would have been able to try an application such as a word-processing package or screen saver on a limited basis and then purchase it from Microsoft by calling a phone number to obtain the code needed to unlock the full program from the disc.

Games as therapy

COMPUTER games can be of therapeutic value to some players, according to Dr Mark Griffiths, a psychologist from Plymouth University. Although a small minority may become addicted, he says, games also have a positive side. Dr Griffiths's list of the benefits includes the use of games as therapy to treat brain disorders, helping in the *behaviour management* of children, as physiotherapy for arm injuries and even as a way to stop excessive face picking.

Over and out

HONG KONG'S Internet companies have condemned a police raid last Friday which closed *seven of eight* providers and severed international links for 8,000 businesses.

The police say they cracked down on the companies for operating without licences. The only Internet provider in Hong Kong left is Supernet, which started as a project of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

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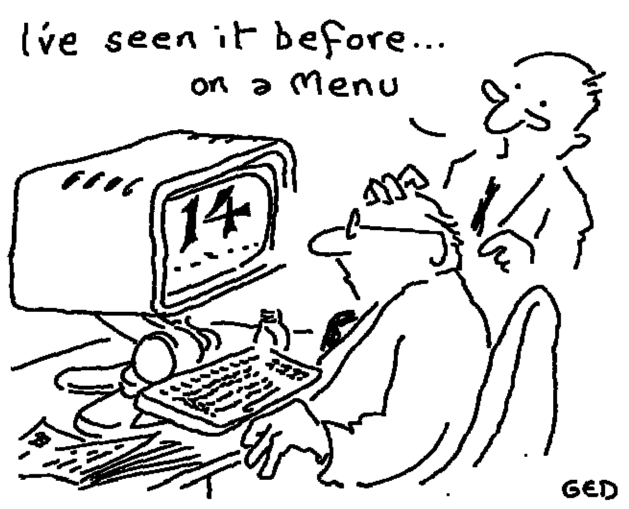

Written in character

Scientists at the National Taiwan University have developed what they say is the first computer in the world that can listen to Mandarin and then type out the appropriate characters.

The computer — called Golden Mandarin Number Three — is able to write at the rate of three characters a *second* as it listens to a person talk. For longer passages, it records the whole *speech and then begins writing after a time-lag of 20 seconds.* For shorter passages of 30 or so characters it writes with a time-lag of under three seconds.

Opening up

APPLE Computer, *which recently agreed to allow the manufacture of clones of its* Macintosh computers, expects six to 12 companies to be making copies by the end of this year. In a bid to capture a larger share of the PC market, Apple last year reversed its long-standing policy of keeping exclusive its coveted Macintosh operating system.

Jammed lines

JAPAN is expected to stop the registration of analogue format mobile phones *in* Tokyo and Osaka next year because *of congestion.*

To avoid radio wave jams in *future*, the Telecommunications Ministry wants mobile phone users to switch to ones with digital format, a technology that allows more room.

Though there are only 3.5 million mobile phones in Japan, more than *a million of* them are used just in the Tokyo area.

Moving printer

HEWLETT-PACKARD has *introduced wireless printers in* an attempt to exploit the *booming* mobile computing market. The printers use infrared technology that allows them to take orders from PCs.

The company says that with the new printers, which will cost from about £800, customers such as sales people, frequent travellers and others who move from one office to another will be able to print from their portable systems without having to bother with cables or transfer files.

Testing show

THE National Computer Shopper Show starts next week at the NEC in Birmingham. Visitors will be *able to buy all sorts of computers*, software, peripherals and accessories. Running from March 16 to 19, the show will *also include a test drive centre* to try out the latest PCs. Tickets are £5 in advance or £8 on the door and are available from 0121-767 4343.

Toshiba change

TOSHIBA has joined the move by PC *manufacturers* to produce models that include a *built-in CD-Rom drive.* The T2150CD series starts at £2,700 and includes a double speed CD-Rom and external floppy-disk drive.

One version uses a dual-scan colour screen and another the higher quality thin-film transistor screen. *The company says the PCs are* for those who need to run CD-Rom *software* or access large amounts of data and images.

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Seen and heard in synch

Chris Partridge on new products which might help to improve videophone sales

Psychologists have discovered why videophones have not caught on — despite being available at reasonable prices for nearly two years. It is actually more difficult to get your message across on current videophones than on ordinary voice-only phones.

According to Dr Claire O'Malley, of Nottingham University, who has done a study on the subject with her colleague Steve Langton, and Professor Vicki Bruce, of Stirling University, the difficulty is caused by the restrictions of phone lines. "The video image has to be compressed and sent down a narrow bandwidth channel which causes a delay of about half a second," she says. "This disrupts conversation, leading to a high level of interruptions. People find it hard to time pauses and the image does not help."

This problem disappears when high-speed digital links such as ISDN are used, Dr O'Malley says, but these links are expensive and are not widely available.

BT recently introduced two videophones for ISDN. "Presence" is a videophone with a colour liquid crystal display screen and is designed to be used by senior executives who do not regularly use a PC. It was designed with Panasonic and sells at an expensive £2,500. The "PC Videophone" is a card, made by Motorola, which slots into the back of a PC and connects to the digital line. A miniature camera sits on top of the computer screen.

The advantage of the PC Videophone, BT says, is that it enables the people at each end of the line to work together on documents. For example, a document using one type of word-processing program can be sent to the other computer, worked on by the second person and returned, even if both people are using different word processors. The same applies to drawings and spreadsheets. It is not cheap. PC Videophone costs £3,300, plus the £400 connection cost for ISDN, with £80 quarterly rental.

Despite the cost, Adrian Butcher, general manager of video telephones at BT, argues that people who have to meet regularly to discuss technical issues will find videophoning cheaper than travel.

"If you have a videophone call you get a much better impression of how people react, much more warmth — in most cases people wave goodbye," Mr Butcher says. "We are reaching the point where it is almost as good as a face-to-face meeting. Working with documents by audio telephone is like having a meeting with blindfolds on."

Videophones using high-capacity ISDN phone lines can get your message across — at a price

However, according to the psychologists' study, such claims could be exaggerated. "I think more work needs to be done on the ergonomics of videophones," Dr O'Malley says. "Even if you have high resolution video and audio channels, it is not the same as a meeting.

"I suspect that something about video and audio signals makes it difficult to manage a conversation, for example it is easy to miss the little cues that people give when they want you to reply," she says. "Most of the work in the past has been on whether people like using it, and not on how effective it is."

Professor Bruce, co-author of the report, has more worries about the effectiveness of technological rather than human contact. "What we do know is that face-to-face contact gives certain benefits. Video is not the same because it is restricted to face and shoulders," she says. "Peripheral vision is important in communication, and there are some rather subtle things about the way people use gestures. If you see only the face, you won't get information from manual gestures. More research is necessary on how the design of videophones will affect communication."

When names mean more than numbers

PC makers have found that customers prefer their computers to be named

A personal computer by any other number — rather than a name — would not sell as well.

At least that appears to be the conclusion of personal computer manufacturers, who are starting to move away from number-based names for their computers towards an automotive-style approaching to naming their computers.

For years, personal computer-maker Compaq, for example, only had a few models of desktop computers — all with the designation Deskpro as the name. The way to distinguish one model from another was the numbering scheme following the generic name.

A 286/N model would denote a system that used the Intel 80286 computer processor and was equipped to run on a network; a 486/33 would be a desktop computer with an Intel 80486 processor that operated at 33 Mhz.

Over the years, these designations have become less and less useful as the specifications of competing personal computer models have become more and more identical.

According to Gian Carlo Bisone, senior vice-president of Compaq who is also an Italian export to the company's head office in Houston, Texas, and a former senior executive at Italian computer giant Olivetti, computers have had to start being sold as commodity items.

"When they are buying a car these days, people usually go for the price, the kind of stereo or the upholstery in the car," he says. "As long as there is an engine in it that lets them get from A to B, they don't care about the technology it uses."

He says the move away from number-based naming is also a reflection of a more mature industry, with marketing specialists now working at even the most modest personal computer companies.

Mr Bisone says that while many computer model names these days appear to have an Italian flair to them (and end in a vowel), this is less to do with any great love for Italian-sounding names and more to do with finding names that will be acceptable all over the world.

"A company such as ours is international in scope — and when you sell in more than 100 countries worldwide in about 60 or 70 languages you don't want to come out with names that are rude or offensive," he says.

"So, most of the time, you come up with made-up names — let's face it, Contura or Presario [the names of two of Compaq's current computers] don't actually mean anything."

Compaq also has Prolinea and Aero as computer names, while IBM has Aptiva and Dell has Dimension.

GEOF WHEELWRIGHT

New software will improve the brainpower of PCs

A bright future for the computer

Personal computers are not very bright. Take, for example, the thesaurus for the top-selling word processor, Microsoft Word. Type the word gladly on your PC, ask Word for a synonym and you start to hear the scratching of a silicon scalp behind the screen.

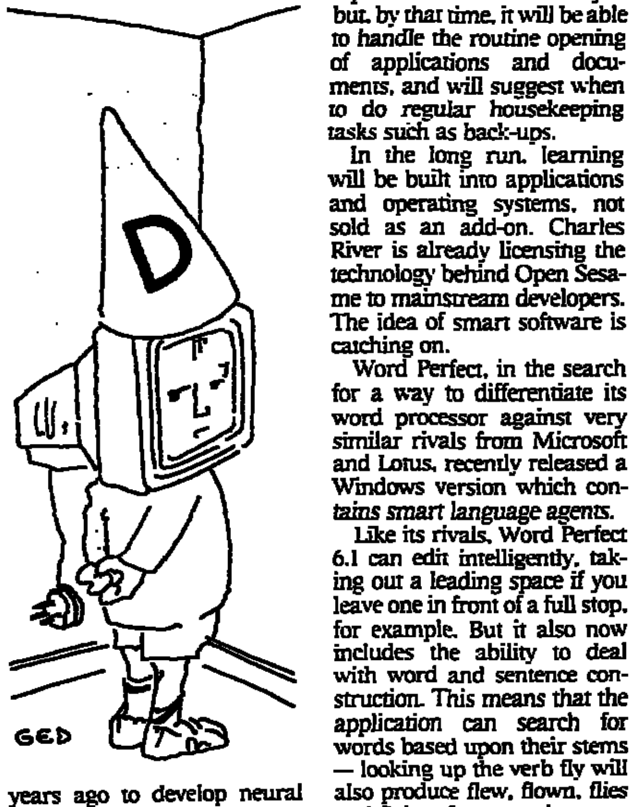
The software cannot tell the difference between an adjective and an adverb. So it will recognise the word stem, offer to look up that, then suggest you replace *gladly* with *delighted*.

PCs are stupid in more general ways, too. Many of us perform repetitive tasks on screen. Every time you switch on your machine, you may go into an online service and retrieve your e-mail, using exactly the same keyboard commands and mouse clicks each day. Not a single standard operating system on the market today can spot that you have a habit that it could automate for you.

Software agents which automate repetitive tasks and, more ambitiously, begin to learn how you like to use your PC are gradually beginning to find their way into market. Simple agents have been around for some time in the form of macro programs which let you "record" a series of keystrokes then replay them with a single keyboard command.

But these tend either to be very inflexible or require a lot of work. Learning agents, on the other hand, promise exactly what the name suggests — they watch what you do, detect patterns and offer to take some of the repetitive load away from you.

One of the first on to the market comes from an unusual source: Charles River Analytics, a Cambridge, Massachusetts, firm, founded 12



years ago to develop neural networks and expert systems mainly for the US space, defence and transportation industries.

Open Sesame is a learning agent package for the Apple Macintosh, costing about £70, which employs neural network techniques to watch how you use the computer and suggest ways in which it can do the work for you. The software is quite unlike any normal computer application.

Most of the time you do not even know it is there. It runs automatically in the background watching everything you do on the machine and makes suggestions only when it is happy that it has detected a regular pattern. It may take as long as a month before Open Sesame "knows" you but, by that time, it will be able to handle the routine opening of applications and documents, and will suggest when to do regular housekeeping tasks such as back-ups.

In the long run, learning will be built into applications and operating systems, not sold as an add-on. Charles River is already licensing the technology behind Open Sesame to mainstream developers. The idea of smart software is catching on.

Word Perfect, in the search for a way to differentiate its word processor against very similar rivals from Microsoft and Lotus, recently released a Windows version which contains smart language agents.

Like its rivals, Word Perfect 6.1 can edit intelligently, taking out a leading space if you leave one in front of a full stop, for example. But it also now includes the ability to deal with word and sentence construction. This means that the application can search for words based upon their stems — looking up the verb fly will also produce flew, flown, flies and flying, for example.

Future versions will build on the current morphology model to provide more advanced facilities across different languages. You will be able to look up horse and find the French *cheval*, or associated terms, such as riding, equestrian or mustang.

DAVID HEWSON

A message to all students

How a New York professor keeps his classes in touch

The number of people who have access to electronic mail soars monthly. The latest guesstimates quote something in excess of 30 million. Of course, not everyone who is able to engage in global communications actually bothers to do so.

The least active must be the many students around the world who now automatically get allocated electronic mail boxes when they register. With so many other distractions in their physical world, does every young academic want to spend time interfacing with a gopher in hyperspace?

A New York professor may have found a way to break this barrier. He has started using e-mail as an educational tool to try to sustain discussion and reduce alienation in a 200-student lecture course.

Professor John Meacham, of the University of Buffalo, added an e-mail requirement to his developmental psychology course. He found that by exchanging e-mail, as well as attending lectures, students received both the benefit of the lecture format and the opportunity for discussion of course material found in smaller classes.

The students in the Psychology 223 course Professor Meacham taught last autumn were required to send one e-mail message by the ninth week of term. By the start of the Christmas break they had transmitted a total of 1,781 messages, or an average eight messages each.

"The flow of communication is similar to what normally takes place in a classroom discussion," the professor wrote recently in the *Journal of General Education*.

To establish the electronic interaction, he created an e-mailing discussion list for the course. It distributed all messages simultaneously to every subscriber. Any student could reply to the first message and replies were distributed to all subscribers.

As the list owner, Professor Meacham decided not to control the public discussion list, hoping his limited presence would encourage students to respond more openly.

He says that the e-mail responses were often more well-organised, more logical and used evidence more effectively than the oral statements made during lectures. In a few cases, students wrote thoughtful essays of 250-350 words after reading and reflecting on previous messages.

Students said they felt less self-conscious facing a computer screen than scores of eyes staring at them.

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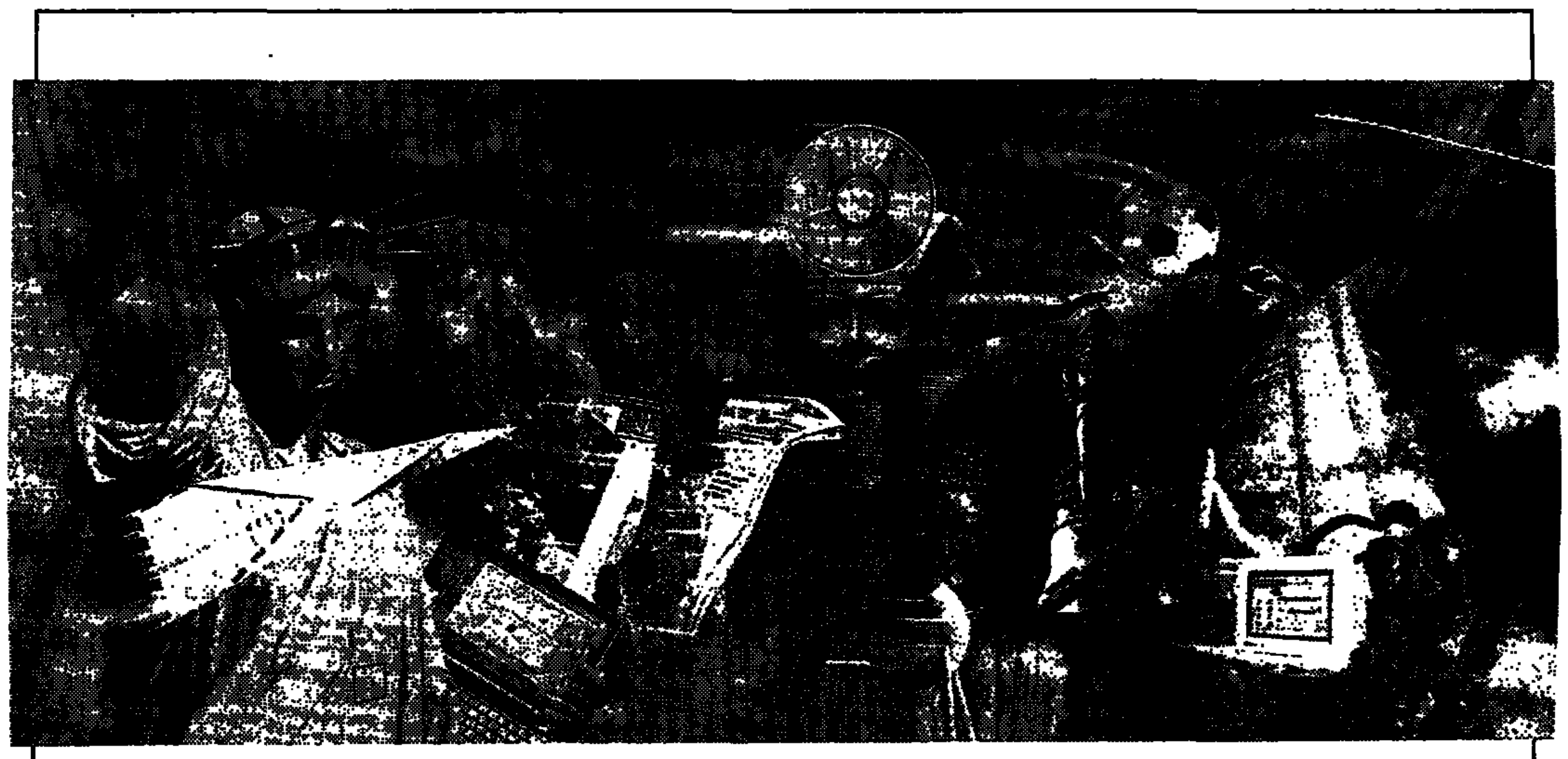

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reports on the after-effects of being outsourced

Trevor Hogarth's reaction to the prospect of being outsourced was a typical one: "There was a feeling of being cast adrift in an open boat. We discovered that Birmingham City Council's information technology department was going to be outsourced in November 1988. The senior managers were pulled in by other senior managers, and then the City Treasurer came and talked to the whole staff. Our frame of mind through the whole thing was extremely nervy."

Outsourcing is becoming increasingly common for IT staff. According to the Romtec consultancy, the UK IT outsourcing market grew by nearly 40 per cent last year, fuelled in particular by important contracts with British Aerospace and the Inland Revenue.

Compulsory Competitive Tendering (CCT), too, has meant that many more local government functions are being contracted out to third parties. Generally the whole IT operation, including premises and equipment, are handed over and staff become employees of the outsourcing company. It is not surprising therefore that they should worry about their jobs.

In 1977, the Acquired Rights Directive, aimed at safeguarding the rights of employees in such a situation, was adopted by the European Commission. It was implemented in the UK by the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations of 1981, known as TUPE.

Unfortunately for employees, the Government is keen that CCT of public sector organisations brings as many cost savings as possible. It has therefore attempted to argue that, in many cases, what is being transferred is only a service or activity, and therefore does not carry the same rights.

The European Commission is at present considering amending the directive along these lines. If such changes go through, the same argument could easily be applied to the private sector, removing protection at a stroke.

The good news, however, is that most IT outsourcing companies tend to follow TUPE guidelines, whether or not they are a legal requirement. David Hall, a research worker with the Public Service Privatisation Research Unit, based at Unison, the public services trade union, says: "IT companies nearly always take on all the existing staff, for the very good reason that if you get the IT department without the people, you've got difficulties."

In the case of Birmingham City Council's IT department, outsourced to IT Net, Mr Hogarth says staff were offered the choice between staying with the authority or transferring to the new company. Most moved.

Although this was pre-TUPE — the transfer took place in August 1989 — terms and conditions were negotiated with union representatives and remained almost the same as before the transfer.

But where TUPE does not apply, virtually every condition of employment needs to be renegotiated, from company cars to canteens. One thing to check particularly carefully is pension provision. This is the one area in which the application of TUPE does not guarantee equal conditions.

Unsurprisingly, outsourcing companies like to suggest that career opportunities are generally better after a move. Despite the uncertainty bound up with being outsourced, it is worth remembering that you are less likely to be made redundant this way than if, for example, your company is taken over. The real problem lies less in the threat of redundancy than in the protracted waiting period and the feelings of rejection.

"You feel unwanted, you feel neglected — it's a very unsettling process. You go home on Friday as an employee of one company and come in on Monday as an employee of another," Mr Hogarth says. "Yet nothing's immediately changed. It's an anti-climax."

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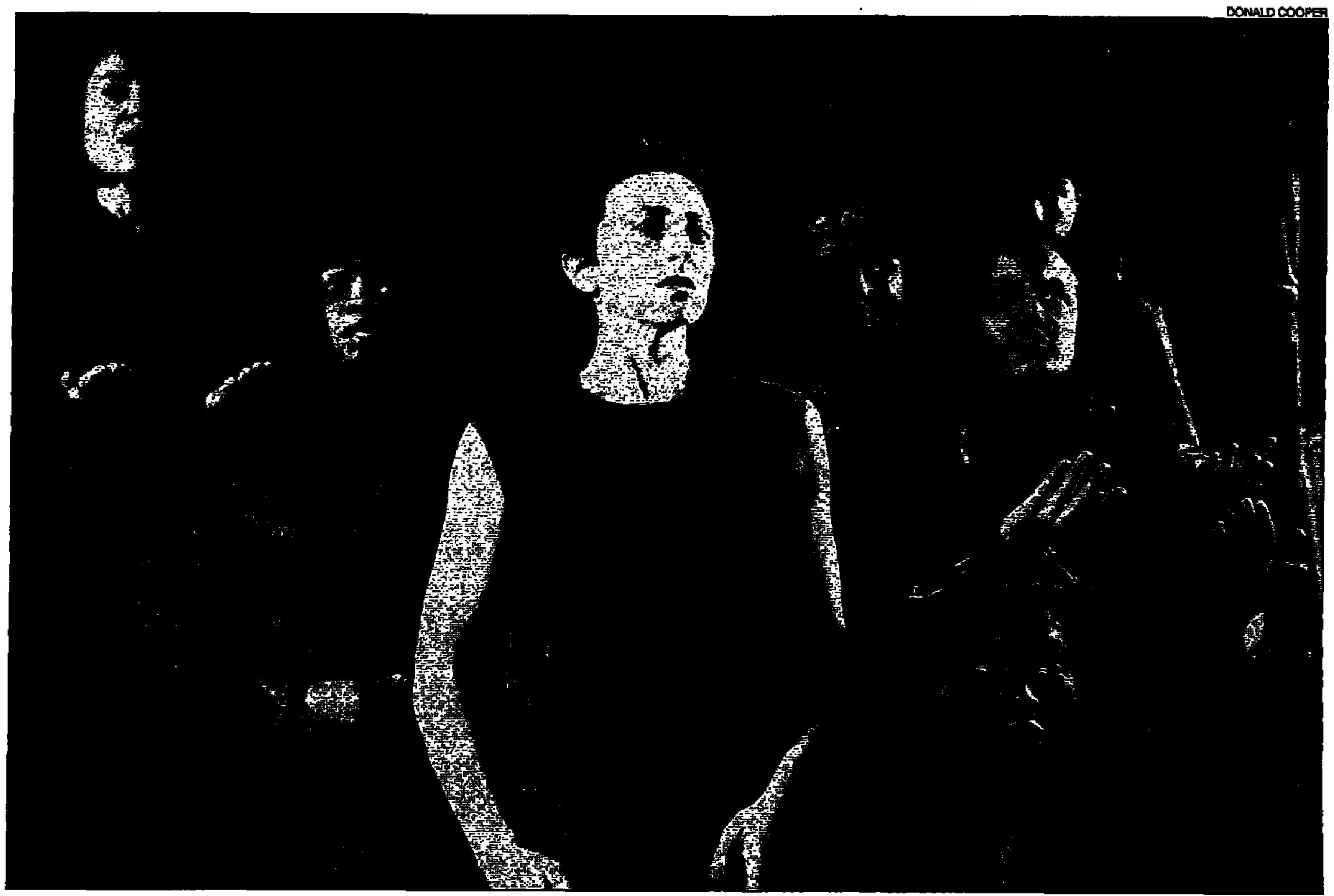

DONALD COOPER

Sara Mair Thomas as Electra: years of self-pity have left her a thin, ravaged creature, a member of the ancient Argos chapter of the Baader-Meinhoff gang

Agamemnon's Children
Gate, W11

Even allowing for the fact that they came from a badly broken home, Agamemnon's brood was not the sort you boast of in custom-printed greetings cards at Yuletide. One princess, enraged by her mother's murder of her father and her own forced marriage to a shepherd, pushes her brother into matricide. He promptly goes mad. Meanwhile, the other daughter, magically saved from being sacrificed by Agamemnon himself, sets up as a priestess in a barbarian tribe whose sport is sprinkling visiting Greeks with holy water and ritually cutting their throats. It is, you feel, as well there was no fourth child.

If this is a disrespectful account of the flailings of the House of Atreus, blame Euripides. Not for nothing did he have a reputation among his fellow Athenians for belittling gods and heroes. For Aeschylus, the Orestes tale was an awe-inspiring tribute to divine justice. For Sophocles, Electra retained a nobility through sufferings galore. For Euripides, both siblings were small fry floundering in a big myth, and, on the whole, reduced still further by the experience.

That is what Anthony McIlwaine's set signals as you enter the Gate for *Electra*, the first of the trio of Euripides plays now in its rep. "Dazzle, glory of Greece," says a proud Argive, and the glory is a bit of rotting tin hanging over do-it-yourself crazy paving and coarse timber, backed by an altar so rudimentary it would make a shaman blench. It is an impression reinforced by Kenneth McLeish's almost outrageously colloquial translation and by Sara Mair Thomas's Electra.

She is one of the successes of Laurence Boswell's riveting, rough-theatre production. "Leave mummy to me. I'll deal with mummy," she reassures her brother and, though she reneges on that promise, there is no doubting her hatred of Clytemnestra. Her pale, beaky face takes on a predatory look, her voice rises to a snarl or a shriek. Years of fury, self-pity and impotence have left her a thin, ravaged creature, a member of the ancient Argos chapter of the Baader-Meinhoff gang.

Indeed, she actually turns terrorist in the second play, *Orestes*. She organises both the retaliatory murder of Helen (Thalia Valeta, as serenely smug as a Hollywood goddess with the autograph hounds) and the taking of Menelaus's innocent daughter, Hermione, as a hostage. Neither of her comrades, Charles Daish's half-crazed Orestes or Velibor Topic's bloodthirsty Pylades, leaves you feeling that an affronted citizenry is wholly wrong to seek their deaths. They are victims not only of the inscrutable whims of the gods, chiefly a callous Apollo, but also of their own inner and outer violence.

Euripides left Athens after writing *Orestes*, and it has been claimed that the play reflects his despair as the city blundered to defeat in the Peloponnesian War. Reading a 2,500-year-old mind is harder than some scholars think. But a cynical Euripides is not far off the mark, and has the merit of being eloquent to us today. That surely justifies Boswell's mocking treatment of Orestes's reconciliation with his lost sister in *Iphigenia in Tauris*.

Barbara Flynn brings a nice mix of arrogance, grievance and humanity to Iphigenia herself, and Patrick Godfrey is superb as a battily run-down tutor in Orestes. Add choruses that sometimes look like Hare Krishna dancers, sometimes like Spanish mourners, and sing a mixture of American gospel, Anglican liturgical and West End musical; and you have three offerings that may be unconventional, but are always full of spirit and dark, sardonic fun.

DONALD COOPER

Good try: Godber's Up 'n' Under goes into athletic mode

Still game for a laugh

Up 'n' Under
Playhouse, WC2

It is rugby league's centenary this year. If we are not all paralysed with excitement about that, it is also a decade since John Godber's play about the said sport was originally in the West End. To celebrate, apparently, *Up 'n' Under* (a new Bill Kenwright/Liverpool Playhouse production) is back. Reason enough? I would say certainly not, though I doubt if I would be heard for the cheers of the Godber fans. He's a popular lad, our John, and not just in Hull.

How this clumsy "light entertainment" once won an Olivier Award stumps me. This is the story of a bunch of amateurs — training being six pints down the Wheatsheaf — suddenly going for gold against impossible odds. They are set up to play the Cobblers, who eat wimps for breakfast.

The Wheatsheaf team, until they pump iron, have been in a league of their own: the one in sandals. But the blokes now pull their weight for Arthur, who is set to lose his house in an unlikely bet unless they win. The scenario is obviously a gift if you are looking for a little character-building lesson and a lot of laughs.

Still, the humour is so broad that it is beyond me. The slow-motion boot in the groin was a highpoint. The slow-motion head-butt: that was funny too. Then there was the slow-motion spoof of *Chariots of Fire*.

You get the idea. As ideas go, it is hard to find one big enough to tackle. There seems to be a feminist point to be scored as Steve, Tony, Frank and the teacher Phil — more staunchly sexist than his less educated teammates — have to buckle down under the instruction of Hazel: female; super-fit, and manageress of the gym. They end up playing rugby alongside her.

But what of the narrative threads about Phil and the porn videos or the intimated Frank-Hazel love interest? Both blithely vanished into oblivion. Nicola Vickery copes valiantly with a corny part, though why this firm-muscled woman goes all skippily girly when she finally gets on the pitch is another question. John Kirk gives a natty performance as Reg, the rich shark who has cornered Arthur, rubbing his nose with a finger like an electric knife.

Elsewhere, the physical stylisation is slightly sloppy, the dialogue mildly stiff. What this semi-versified play desperately needs is in-your-face punch and pace. There are too many static scenes in a bald set: two changing-room benches lit with coloured washes.

The play doesn't come alive until the match. Finally the cast — stripey-shirted Wheatsheafers front-on; ogreish yellow Cobblers from the back — are flicking to and fro, piling into the foreground then receding into the distance, the ball flying. A theatrical winner, but only just before the whistle is blown.

KATE BASSETT

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Blow for duffers

OAE/Jacobs
Queen Elizabeth Hall

DOUBTLESS musicologists were in a state of high titillation on Wednesday, when a concert performance of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* was preceded by the work that allegedly inspired it, John Blow's *Venus and Adonis*. Here was another chance to exclaim at the similarities between the two works, and then to wax lyrical about how far Purcell exceeded his master in imagination.

But as we sat through Blow's pifflingly inadequate attempt at tragedy — redeemed only occasionally by some eccentric turn-of-phrase — I did wonder whether anybody was enjoying the experience, as opposed to being instructed by it. And does Purcell's reputation still need a boost by placing him in proximity to a notoriously duff work? Why not measure *Dido* against music of genius by Purcell's French contemporaries, Lully and Charpentier?

Still, *Venus* will rarely be better performed than it was here, once the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment had knuckled down to the idiosyncratic gestures of the Belgian conductor René Jacobs, and the soloists plucked from the chorus had remembered that they *were* soloists.

No such reticence from the main principals: Rosemary Joshua made a vibrant Venus, and the Canadian baritone Gerald Finlay — saddled with portraying two utter wimps, Adonis and Aeneas, in the same evening — was superb.

Dido was given several odd twists. I don't recall guitars playing so large a part before, but delightful they were. Two countertenors were cast effectively as Witches — high-pitched stooges to Della Jones's magnificently melodramatic Sorceress. If Vincent Price had been a mezzo-soprano, he would have performed the part like this. And Jacobs encouraged some spirited playing and singing, especially in the camped-up supernatural scenes.

But *Dido* belongs to Dido. Before she started, I wondered whether the admirable but light-voiced Lynne Dawson had the weight of tone or character for the whingeing Queen of Carthage. All doubts were removed: her customary grace and fluency were harnessed here to much emotional power and, in the Lament, a heartrending tenderness.

RICHARD MORRISON

DANCE: New and old works from Kim Brandstrup

Stranger in the shadows

Arc Dance Company
Sadler's Wells

Death has often lurked in the shadows of Kim Brandstrup's work so it was inevitable that he would one day make a piece about it. That day has arrived. *Saints and Shadows*, Brandstrup's new creation for Arc Dance Company, is literally a dance with death.

It was inspired by the Mexican Day of the Dead, the festival which sees the dearly departed return to eat, dance and party with those they left behind. Death moves like a fellow traveller through the men and women inhabiting Brandstrup's world, taking one, toying with another, being absorbed into each individual consciousness, greeted without fear or denial.

In a departure from his previous work for Arc, Brandstrup has eschewed a strictly narrative framework, opting for an impressionistic twilight. Death is a seducer, companion and partner, but it cannot be embodied into a single dancer because it is part of everyone. The only literal signpost in *Saints and Shadows* is the path to death which is represented by a log ladder, dancers moving up and down it, freezing in obvious Crucifixion references.

The choreography alternates between arresting tableaux vivants and free-flowing bursts of Grahamesque contractions. Brandstrup's eye for posing his dancers in striking and unexpected ways is so camera-friendly that you can almost see him pausing for the click of a shutter. But while such an effect is incredibly beautiful at times, its static force can instil a formality that risks distancing communication between choreographer and audience.

This potential remoteness is exacerbated by Ian Dearden's dreary electronic score. His tautly monotonous musical wallpaper is based on original Latin American music, but despite its percussive and brassy accents, the sounds he produces are without emotion or personality, flattening the spirit of the movement.

Dearden is also responsible for the music in *Orfeo*, Brandstrup's 1990 Olivier Award winner, now revived for the Sadler's Wells season. But although the composer's tinny harpsichord pastiche has little to recommend it, *Orfeo*'s choreography and designs (by Craig Givens) are so strong they override its synthesized weaknesses.

Brandstrup has retold the Orpheus and Eurydice myth in the manner of Baroque stagings, which suits his penchant for formalism and gesture. His stately movements have a clarity that allows his dancers to define themselves in well-developed characterisations. Kenneth Tharp was outstanding as Death: his confrontation with Mark Ashman's commanding Apollo had a real authority.

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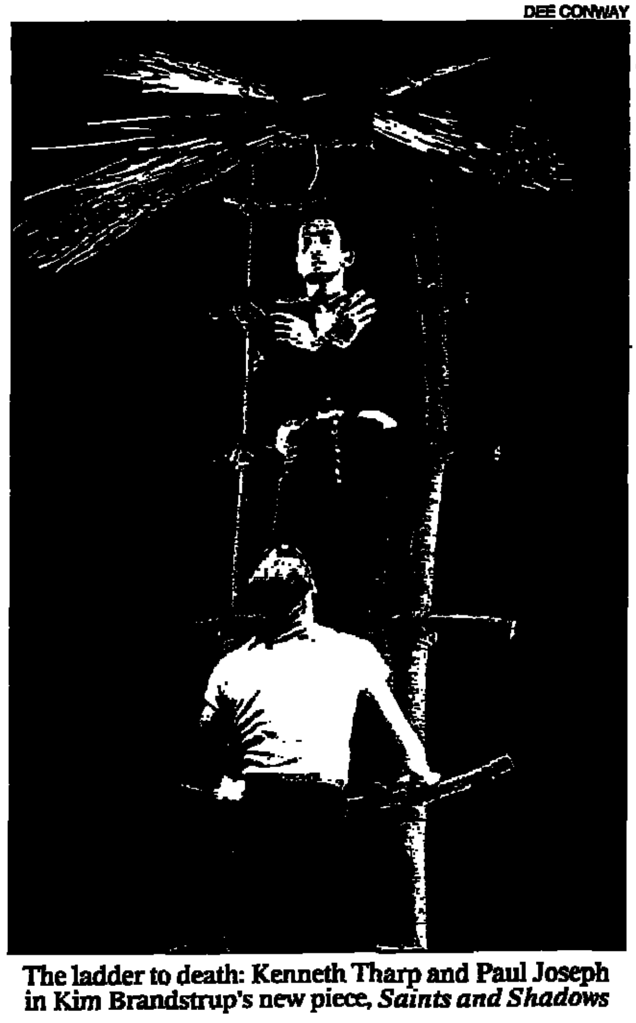

The ladder to death: Kenneth Tharp and Paul Joseph in Kim Brandstrup's new piece, Saints and Shadows

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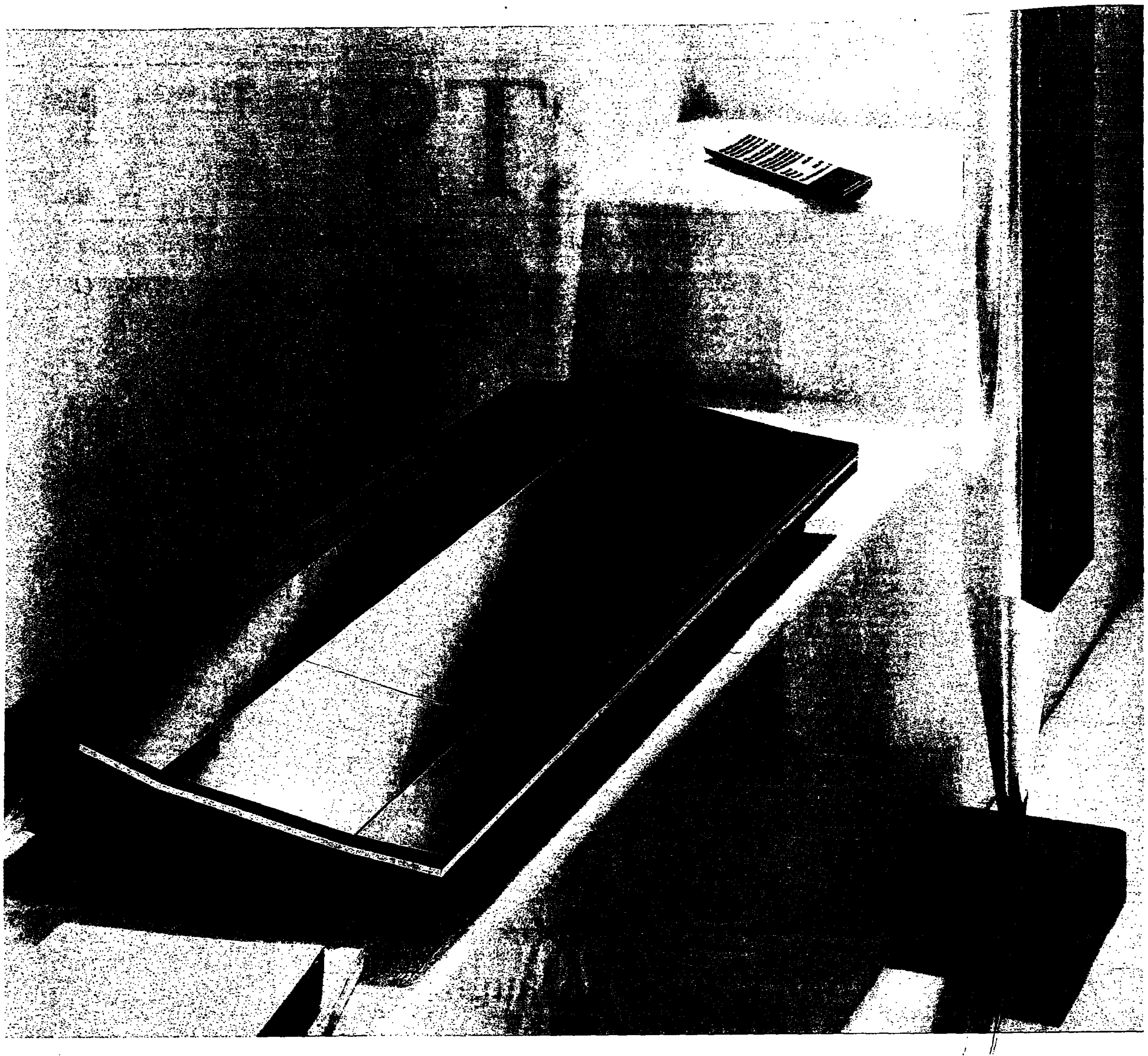

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POP ON FRIDAY: Barry White still love unlimited ... Radiohead creep back

The feel-good factory

Hey, Barry White has got it together all over again, uh, baby. Yeah. **Alan Jackson** gets down with the reborn lurve machine

MARC ASPLAND

"Barry White doesn't dwell on past things. He keeps moving straight ahead," says Barry White. And he should know

The deepest voice in popular music is temporarily resident at the Hilton Hotel on Park Lane and, although it could be just a coincidence, the upper reaches of this monument to New Brutalism are beset by scaffolding and wreathed in polythene. Could his presence really be causing grievous structural harm?

Up on the 22nd floor, there are no signs of fissures in the masonry or rents in the deep-pile carpeting. All is calm, all is quiet — and not without reason. Legend has it that this man's songs have hastened a million or more bedroom encounters, but even he has his off nights. Barry White does not just have a headache; he has a migraine.

So it's bad luck Brits: he has flown into the country from his home in Las Vegas specifically to make an appearance at the annual awards bash, but feels in no fit state to leave his over-upholstered suite and mix with the noisy throng at Alexandra Palace. But, with fingertips resting tenderly against a throbbing left temple, he welcomes me into his presence. "Always a pleasure," he says — we have met twice before — in tones of molten chocolate. I return the greeting in what sounds, comparatively, like a squeak.

Worse, I feel like I am the proverbial oik who misreads the invitation and arrives at the party dressed in wholly inappropriate fashion. For, while I am soberly suited and carrying a raincoat, White is sporting silk pyjamas with a trim of regal gold and, he being shoeless, what I observe to be matching socks. Hugh Heffner would weep. Given another minute, I might too.

But then a personal assistant with a big chest and a small voice enters the room and introduces himself to me so quietly that I can only be 51 per cent sure his name is Larry. Solemn-faced, he sits down diagonally opposite me so that we form a triangle: Larry watching me watching Barry who, in turn, is focusing on a point somewhere just above Larry's head. I find myself wanting to laugh.

Instead, I rally with a glib ice-breaker. "You must be thrilled," I suggest, "to find that your new album, *The Icon Of Love*, is flying out of the shops faster than anything you've recorded since the 1970s." "Thrilled and delighted." White says, with a kingly nod, and I wait for Larry to top us both with a whispered: "Thrilled, delighted *and* very excited." But, mercifully, the PA says sweet FA, and the wheels of the interview process grind into motion.

This chart renaissance has come about, the veteran singer ventures, because he has embraced a more modern sound for the first time. All the trademarks of hothouse romance are there as before, but this album has deliberately set out to capture the spirit of contemporary black radio too. This is no mean achievement for a 50-year-old whose first hit, *I'm Gonna Love You Just A Little Bit More Baby*, came in January 1973. But that he is one of soul's originals is underlined by the similarity of spirit between that song and not only last month's British Top 20 success *Practice What You Preach*, but any of the nine other tracks on the current LP. Hip black production names like LA and Babyface, Chuckii Booker and Gerald Levert may have added a contemporary gloss, but White remains gloriously, unmistakably and once-again fashionably himself. "How could anyone make me over, when I have the most distinctive voice in the world? What are you going to do? Speed the tape up so I sound like a chipmunk?"

> ‘I don't care what country you're in. Everyone understands making love’

But not all has been unchanging in his world. When we first met, six years ago, it was on his estate in Sherman Oaks, Los Angeles, where two adjacent homes on a landscaped, nay manicured, hillside proved to be a palace of 1970s taste. Downstairs rooms the size of airport lounges were themed by colour: the purple, the white, the lemon-and-brown. Shag-pile carpets several inches deep toned with each individual area and met in riotous confusion at doorways. Above the fireplace of one lounge, there presided an oil painting of Mr and the now-former Mrs White — Glodean, possessor of five-inch, gold-painted fingernails and mother of his eight, now grown-up, children. But a force deeper even than Barry's basso profundo, the 1993 Los Angeles earthquake, laid waste to all that. "Unbelievable. *My home for 21 years and I've not* been able to go back there since.

"But we were so fortunate: a ceiling fell in on my mother and cut her arm in two places, but other than that we were physically unhurt. OK, $1 million, maybe $2 million could put everything right again, but for what? So that it can happen again, that's what.

"We've settled into our new place now and, let me tell you, leaving was as easy as one, two, three. Barry White doesn't dwell on past things. He keeps moving straight ahead. A house is a house; you can get another. What you can't replace though is your mother or your child. I've been blessed in that they're still with me."

As ever, I am struck by his habit of referring to himself in the third person. "Alan Jackson wonders", I am tempted to ask, "what Barry White makes of the new generation of pelvic-thrusting, plain-speaking soulsters and rappers? Were you 21 again, would you now be grasping your crotch on stage and singing about bitches and whores?"

"What you must remember", he says, "is that rap is a very honest music form — these guys know these women, women who are not ladies. But rap generalises. Not all women are like *that. And, as to the other thing, no I* would *not* be holding my crotch like that. It's too undignified. It's not Barry White's style."

There's more than one way to skin a cat, of course. "Girl I never want to be alone/It's like an ice-cream without the cone," he smoulders on *Sexy Undercover*, a track from *The Icon Is Love*, ensuring that we realise there is a universal agenda for lovers, whatever their generation. And this aural Knickerbocker Glory, this Banana Split of bedroom soul, will not only be served up at a stadium near you shortly but, thanks to a phenomenal 22-month world tour itinerary, to others in Latin America, Australasia, Russia and even China. "Different languages, different cultures, different styles," he murmurs. "Well, I don't care what country you're in. *Everyone* understands about making love." I nod agreement at White. Larry nods agreement at me.

- *Barry White is at Wembley Arena (Tuesday); Bournemouth BIC (Wednesday) Cardiff International Arena (Thursday); Manchester Apollo (March 18), Newcastle City Hall (March 19), Sheffield City Hall (March 20) and Birmingham NEC (April 17). The album* The Icon Is Love *and new single* I Only Want To be With You/Come On *are available on A&M Records*

NEW ALBUMS: Radiohead breathe deep of the nitrogen of publicity; plus Elastica and Wonder

Raptures of the deep

Thom Yorke (second from left) and the rest of Radiohead resurface with The Bends, an album that gives the lie to the idea that British pop is now all sweetness and light

RADIOHEAD
The Bends
(Parlophone 8 29626)

ONLY two weeks ago I was arguing on this page that angst was out, self-pity was passé, and that the best new groups are fired by self-belief, not self-loathing. How wrong can you be?

Radiohead are still best known for their 1993 hit, *Creep*, a deformed anthem ("I'm a creep, I'm a weirdo") that evidently struck a chord with record buyers all over the western world. But with their second album, *The Bends*, the five-man group from Oxford has raised the stakes, converting an existential mood of anguish, despair and inner turmoil into an alternative rock masterpiece.

"I wish I could be happy, I wish, I wish, I wish that something would happen," *Thom Yorke sings in a tone of* quiet but rapidly escalating desperation on the title track. At the age of 26, his vision of the world leaves him feeling, at best, comfortably numb. "We're too young to fall asleep, too cynical to speak," he sings on *My Iron Lung*, as if distracted by a cloud passing in the sky, while the innate prettiness of the accompanying guitar arpeggio is disfigured by an ugly sheen of distortion. "Suck your teenage thumb, toilet-trained and dumb," he continues, with truly spectacular disdain.

Quite why feeling this grim should act as such an efficient motor of creativity remains a mystery. But there are too many wonderful songs on *The Bends* — from the current radio-friendly hit, *High And Dry*, to the mysteriously desolate *Fake Plastic Trees* — for it to be an accident. My favourite is *Black Star*, where the big, jangling guitars and dense drum sound are harnessed to a heartbreaking melody which Yorke sings in a yearning near-falsetto. It is the sound of a man leaning dangerously over the edge of the precipice, and gazing at a panorama of unimaginable beauty below.

ELASTICA
Elastica
(Deceptive Records BLUFF 014)

WITH their short, spiky guitar riffs and long, southern English vowel sounds, *Elastica are a band steeped in* the spirit of '78. Their eagerly awaited debut album picks up from the point at which punk mutated from its raw, anarchic beginnings into something more consciously artistic.

"Sometimes I just can't function/My heart's spaghetti junction," Justine Frischmann sings in *Car Song*, one of many numbers positively humming with smart one-liners. *The arrangements are* neat and chipper, incorporating some strange and interesting angularities on the Wire-influenced *2:1*, among others. And with 15 songs streaking past in less than 40 minutes, *some of them even starting* with a hastily yelled "one, two, three, four", *Elastica* is an album packed with instant pop thrills.

But the overall package is marred by a slight lack of gravitas and, *apart from the* more searching lyric of *Never Here*, there is a tendency to skate over rather than explore both emotions and musical settings.

STEVIE WONDER
Conversation Peace
(Motown 530 238)

AS with Bob Dylan, there is *now a gulf between Stevie* Wonder's towering past achievements and greatly diminished contemporary appeal that is so huge as to be virtually unbridgeable.

The dilemma is reflected by the eight-year hiatus between his last proper album, *Characters* (which did not even reach the British Top 30) and *Conversation Peace*, a fallow period that has lasted longer than Jamiroquai's entire career.

For, if the 44-year-old Wonder is still striving to make an album that bears any comparison to classics such as *Talking Book* or *Songs In The Key Of Life*, then it is going to take him a very long time.

Conversation Peace, inevitably, is not in that league, but nor is it blighted by any of the sentimental guff that became his calling card in the 1980s, when duets with Paul McCartney and Julio Iglesias were the order of the day.

Stepping out with the new jack swing of *Rain Your Love Down*, the album has a brisk, confident feel, and tracks such as *Cold Chill*, with its shuffling funk rhythm, and *Sensuous Whisper*, a striding jazz groove featuring saxophonist Branford Marsalis and the appropriately sensuous voice of Anita Baker, have a pleasingly modern, streetwise sheen without sounding forced or self-conscious.

Wonder's philosophy remains one of upbeat, childlike innocence: "Reach your arms out and hug someone/Be it king or some homeless one/We are all one underneath the sun," he sings in *Take The Time Out*.

But, despite this credulous streak and a handful of regrettably slushy ballads including *For Your Love* and *Taboo To Love*, he still shows himself capable of some impressive leaps of the imagination, notably on *My Love Is With You*, a neat funk item with a spooky percussion intro, which is a first-person narrative told from the perspective of a young man who has been killed in the crossfire of a gang shoot-out.

The songs, it must be admitted, are all on the long side, and there is a dearth of memorable choruses. But once inflated expectations and historical comparisons are set aside, *Conversation Peace* stands as a substantial piece of Wonder work which deserves a fair hearing at the very least.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Medusa**	Annie Lennox (RCA)
2	**Greatest Hits**	Bruce Springsteen (Columbia)
3	**The Colour Of My Love**	Celine Dion (Epic)
4	**Parklife**	Blur (Food)
5	**Twisted**	Del Amitri (A&M)
6	**Singles**	Smiths (Warner Bros)
7	**Crocodile Shoes**	Jimmy Nail (East West)
8	**Beggar On A Beach**	Mike and the Mechanics (Virgin)
9	**Carry On Up The Charts**	Beautiful South (Go! Discs)
10	**Definitely Maybe**	Oasis (Creation)

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

WOMEN OF TROY: Euripides's intense and poignant tragedy, translated by Kenneth McLeish. Jane Birkin makes her heralded return to the English-speaking theatre to play Andromache, with Rosemary Harris as Hecuba in Annie Castledine's directorial debut here.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Previews begin tonight, 7.15pm, opens Mar 16 Ⓢ

PINNOCK ON TOUR: Trevor Pinnock arrives with the NAC Orchestra of Canada this weekend as part of a European tour. Sunday's programme features the London premiere of Linda Bouchard's *Vertige*, plus Haydn's Trumpet Concerto and works from Beethoven and Mendelssohn: Hakan Hardenberger is the soloist.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 Ⓢ (0171-638 8891). Sun, 7.30pm. **Newcastle** (0191-261 2606) tonight and **Leeds** (0113-2476962) tomorrow.

THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE. This weekend is your last chance to see Nigel Hawthorne as the dilapidated Lord Ogleby, directing a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2.30 and 7.30pm.

SAWALLISCH AND PERAHIA. The distinguished Wolfgang Sawallisch conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra for a two-night exploration of Richard Strauss's symphonic tone poems — tomorrow's programme includes *Macbeth* and *Ein Heldenleben*. Murray Perahia performs Schumann's Piano Concerto in A as the centrepiece of the evening.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Sat, 7.30pm. Next on Tue. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL: *St George's tempts its audience with a mix of musical styles this weekend.* The popular **Segovia Trio** *offer a lively evening of Spanish* guitar classics and jazz inspired music tonight, while tomorrow is "piano day": a Beethoven Sonata recital by **Geoffrey Buckley** in the morning followed by virtuosic favourites from **Christopher Northam**. The **Hilliard Ensemble** then take the stage on Sunday for a free BBC World Service recital.
St George's, Brandon Hill (0117 923 0359). Tonight, 7.30pm, Sat, 11am and 7.30pm; Sun, 3.15pm Ⓢ

CHESTER: ***Three Steps to Heaven.*** David Cosgrove's 1950s musical, returns: Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper board their plane and land in a celestial limbo-land. Directed by Jeremy Raison and described as "musically out of this world".
Gateway, Hamilton Place (01244 340392). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm; mats Mar 18, 3pm and Mar 22, 2.30pm. National tour follows Ⓢ

EDINBURGH: Opening night for Beckett's classic, indecipherable ***Waiting for Godot***, *originally written* with Stan Laurel and Charlie Chaplin in mind. Kenny Ireland directs.
Royal Lyceum, *Grindlay Street (0131-229 9697)*. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Mar 18, 22 and 25, 3.15pm Ⓢ

OXFORD: The cool sounds of **Jacques Loussier and the Play Bach Trio** *are a treat for both classical and jazz fans* — Loussier himself is a wonderfully charismatic improviser and interpreter of Bach. Should be fun.
Sheldonian, Broad Street Ⓢ. Sat, 7.30pm. Tickets from the Playhouse, Beaumont Street (01865 798600).

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: *Contemporary Print Show* (0171-638-4141) . . . **British Museum**: Byzantine Treasures from British Collections (0171-636 1555) . . . ***Hayward***: Yves Klein (071-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery**: Spanish Still Life: from Velásquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: The Revival of the Palladian Style (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine**: Man Ray, final week (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate**: Willem de Kooning (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Warworks: Women Photographers (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: The hit Fats Waller musical show comes into the West End, packed with tuneful numbers and dancing energy.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Mar 13.

☐ **CELL MATES**: Rik Mayall and Simon Ward play Bourke and Blake in Simon Gray's disappointing play. Mayall has some good moments.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◩ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL.** *John* Mortimer's adaptation, Ian Judge's direction and Clive Francis's Scrooge *make this a cosy evening, well removed* from the moral fervour of Dickens.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; Sat, 2pm and 7.15pm. Final performances. Ⓢ

☐ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY *FATHER***. *Judd Hirsch recreates his* Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's plays, covering 40 years *of Jewish experience in New York.* When all's told, it's fairly thin stuff. Alan Ayckbourn directs.
Old Vic, *Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616)*. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING.** Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *menage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's awardwinner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE.** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama *about bravely facing death. Interesting* and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, *Shaftesbury Avenue, W1* (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◩ ***INDIAN INK***: *Felicity Kendal, Art* **Malik** and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 *6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and* Sat, 3pm

◩ **MAMA I WANT TO SING**: The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). With *Chaka Khan.*
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8.

◩ **PEACE IN OUR TIME.** Rare revival of Coward's 1946 drama, imagining a Britain conquered by the Nazis. Wyn Jones directs the 30-strong cast in the Touring Partnership's production.
Richmond, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE STRIP**: Phyllis Nagy's new play follows sundry oddballs converging on Las Vegas. *Don't expect great linear* progression; enjoy *it as a post-*modernist mosaic. With Cheryl Campbell, Nicholas Farrell and *Nicholas le Prevost.*
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat *Sat, 3.30pm. Until Apr 7.*

◩ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA.** Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive *revival of* Kurt Weill's opera. Tom Hollander sings Macheath.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732). *Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.* Ⓢ

◩ ***WHAT THE BUTLER SAW***. Joe Orton's farcical Freudian nightmare engagingly revived with John Alderton, Nicola Pagett and a rather too Muldrewish Richard Wilson.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm. Ⓢ

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DISCLOSURE** *(18)*: *Michael* Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

I LOVE A MAN IN UNIFORM (18): Cop show actor loses grip on reality. Striking Canadian film from director David Wellington, with Tom McCamus.
Metro (071-437 0757)

MRS. PARKER AND THE VICIOUS CIRCLE (15): Alan Rudolph's melancholy and witty portrait of Dorothy Parker and her era. Compelling performances from Jennifer Jason Leigh and a well-chosen cast.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NELL** (12). Doctor Liam Neeson nurtures backwoods wild child Jodie Foster. Well acted, well meant, but glutinous. Director, *Michael Apted.*
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** *(0171-636 6148)* **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

S.F.W. *(18). Thin, raucous satire on* America's fetish for celebrities. Jefery Levy directs Stephen Dorff and Reese Witherspoon.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

THE SILENCES OF THE PALACE: Powerful portrait of a servant girl's life in the Tunisian royal palace. A notable debut by director Moufida Tlatli.
ICA Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

◆ **WAGONS EAST!** (PG): Feeble comedy *set in the old West, only notable* as John Candy's last film. With Richard Lewis; director, Peter Markle.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ *(0171-434 0031)* **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NATURAL BORN KILLERS** (18). Warped lovers embark on a shooting rampage, with the media in pursuit. Wearisome excess from director Oliver Stone, with Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **PRET-A-PORTER** (15): Surprisingly feeble satire on the fashion world from Robert Altman. With Kim Basinger, Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni, Stephen Rea and many others.
Electric Ⓢ (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **QUIZ SHOW** (15): Director Robert Redford resurrects a TV scandal of the late 1950s. Fine performances (John Turturro, Ralph Fiennes, Paul Scofield), but not enough bite, or relevance.
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◆ **THE RIVER WILD** (12): Criminals *imperil a family on their white water* rafting holiday. Enjoyable action thriller, with Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon. Director, Curtis Hanson.
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◆ **SHALLOW GRAVE** (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry Fox, Christopher Eccleston and Ewan McGregor.
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◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun; Roland Emmerich directs.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ *(0171-434 0031)* **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683)

POP ON FRIDAY: Attitude dancing goes big-time ... Denzil who?

Stand by your mantra

Luscious Jackson believe in the Gaia Theory, New York, strong men and cutting a rug

The women in Luscious Jackson have a message for all the negative influences in the world — take a hike

So it's three o'clock in the *morning, and you're drunk.* But not as drunk as the friends you have invited back to your house, and who are currently lying on the floor in varying states of consciousness. Simon's into hip-hop and rap; Sian's into easy listening and film soundtracks; Peter will listen to anything so long as it's brilliant; and Ginny goes for indie rock and 1960s girl-groups.

After demanding toast, more booze, cigarettes, and the whereabouts of the toilet, they start shouting for music. They are unreasonable in their drunkenness, and will get phenomenally baity if not supplied with their kind of music. What's a girl to do? Well, last night, Luscious Jackson saved my life.

"The rhythm keeps me fed/These sounds surround me/In high frequencies/There's no place like home ... When I'm about to go crazy/Cause I'm still living here/I just get my friends together and we dance, dance, dance" — City Song.

Luscious Jackson are from New York, something which informs every inch of the warp and weft of their two stone-dead classic albums, *In Search of Manny* and *Natural Ingredients*. Luscious Jackson music is like standing in the middle of Greenwich Village, with a blues club to your left, a busker *playing scat-flute to the right,* a car coming up behind you roaring out hip-hop from the stereo, and a tenement window, high above you, blaring out the Shirelles with the wind twisting the sound, so the harmonies sound drunk and slurred and tinted blue by the exhaust fumes. Yeah, you can dance to Luscious Jackson. More than that — if *you don't, your brain is liable to go into* meltdown.

Thankfully, for the Jackson women, most music journalists seem to have got over the temporary insanity that hit them two years ago as regards female musicians. All that "Women in Rock" guff seems to have blown over, leaving Jill, Gabby, Kate and Vivian to get on with making leg-twitchingly brilliant records without having to answer all those "So, does having *breasts get in* the way of playing guitar?" questions *that made half the world's population* spit and shudder in 1993.

Luscious Jackson make *female-sounding* music without making an issue of it. The bass is envelopingly funky; the sound is insidious rather than insurrectionist. The lyrics, when not dealing with dancing, or living in New York, goop and sigh over the Perfect Man ("It takes a strong man to stand by a strong woman") or putting weasly former boyfriends in their place ("Hey, energy-sucker/I'm a goddess/Not *your mother.*")

CAITLIN MORAN

So, with their first ever UK-released single out this week — titled, amusingly enough, *Deep Shag* (it's a kind of *dance*. Americans don't know the word "shag" has different connotations in Britain) — I caught up with the LJ crew and asked them what strings of reasoning *and things obsess their lives.*

"Circles," Jill says. "The way things are circular. The patterns that life makes. If you can stand far enough back — away from the everyday of washing your hair and eating soup — you can see these patterns, and it makes you able to predict the future to some extent."

In what way? "Well, take this planet, and the way things are going at the moment. In nature, any organism that weakens its stronger host organism will eventually be destroyed *by that host. And humans* are no different from that — *we are destroying our host,* the Earth, which is stronger than us, and it means that, in the end, we will be destroyed. You can't do something as extravagant as suck a planet dry and expect no repercussions. That theory's called the Gaia Theory, but it's also just common sense. It's a pattern. All these *things are circular.*"

Jill takes a breath. "This theory works the same with relationships. If you are the stronger partner, you have a weak partner who's sapping all your energy and taking all your time and making you miserable, you will, in the end, just shake them off, and let them carry on destroying themselves somewhere else.

"And generally, in relationships, the weaker partner is the male. It's sad but true. And strong women seem to see it as some kind of test, y'know — 'I'll stick *by this man however much he ruins* me.' The Luscious Jackson message is: *relationships aren't a test of endurance,* girls. Dump him! It's the natural thing to do!"

With that, Luscious Jackson go off to spend a week in radio studios doing promotional interviews, and cringing for the millionth time as a DJ snorkles: "Thank you girls; and now it's time for what you've all been waiting for — Luscious Jackson giving us a *Deep Shag*, heh, heh, heh."

Goddesses. We are blessed to see such genius in these times. Truly.

● In Search of Manny *and* Natural Ingredients *are on Grand Royal/Capitol Records. The single,* Deep Shag, *is out now. Luscious Jackson play the Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-434 0403) on Wednesday*

Great lyrics on tap

Denzil
Borderline, W1

DENZIL THOMAS must have mislaid his copy of the rock'n'roll manual. First, he *has* the perversity to come from Bournemouth, a town *whose* output of rock legends is somewhat sluggish. Then he goes and gets a deal with an obscure Californian label. Then he puts together a band, also called Denzil, releases an album and trawls around America on myriad support shows. Months later, the *record appears back home* and turns out to be remarkable. *Pub* is an eccentric uncle of a record: affectionate, quirky but occasionally unnerving. And it is an *English* eccentric, decked out in references to 60p bus rides and winning the pools that must have had American audiences smiling in benign confusion.

Musically, he combines the bitterness of a Costello with the playful tunefulness of a *Squeeze, usually driven on the* album by acoustic guitar but, here in the live version, given considerably more beef by Craig Boyd's electric input.

With little to declare but his serene cynicism, Thomas's warped lyrics ring out loud and clear, delivered with the *merest hint of a smile.*

His literary style is less wordplay and more stream of consciousness than Costello's (notwithstanding such memorable phrases as "She's fat, loose and fancies me"), but before half-a-dozen songs are out, the effect is the same: the listener needs the luxury of a pause button to take in everything that's being said.

New songs such as *Superman* are combined with highlights from *Pub* such as *Too Scared to be True*, *Shame* (a topical tale of corporate fraud) and *Useless*, in which lines like "I'm useless, fawning, it's no surprise/And I'm so damn boring, I'm no admirer of me" were presented in an incongruously *strumalong* style. His moods, and their melodies, are by turns snide and sloppy, and new listeners were visibly confused.

But Thomas can turn a lyric to yank a listener forcibly to attention, as on *Running This Family*, an observation of unexpected parenthood: "I pulled your pants off in the back of a *Corsair*/And you looked at me as if your father was there".

PAUL SEXTON

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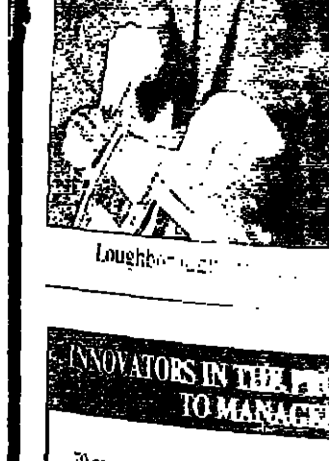

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The project management sector is going from strength to strength. **David Young** on its award winners

The wide range of tasks which are successfully handled each year by members of the British project management sector is reflected in this year's annual awards. They were presented last night at the Savoy Hotel, London, by the Association of Project Managers (APM).

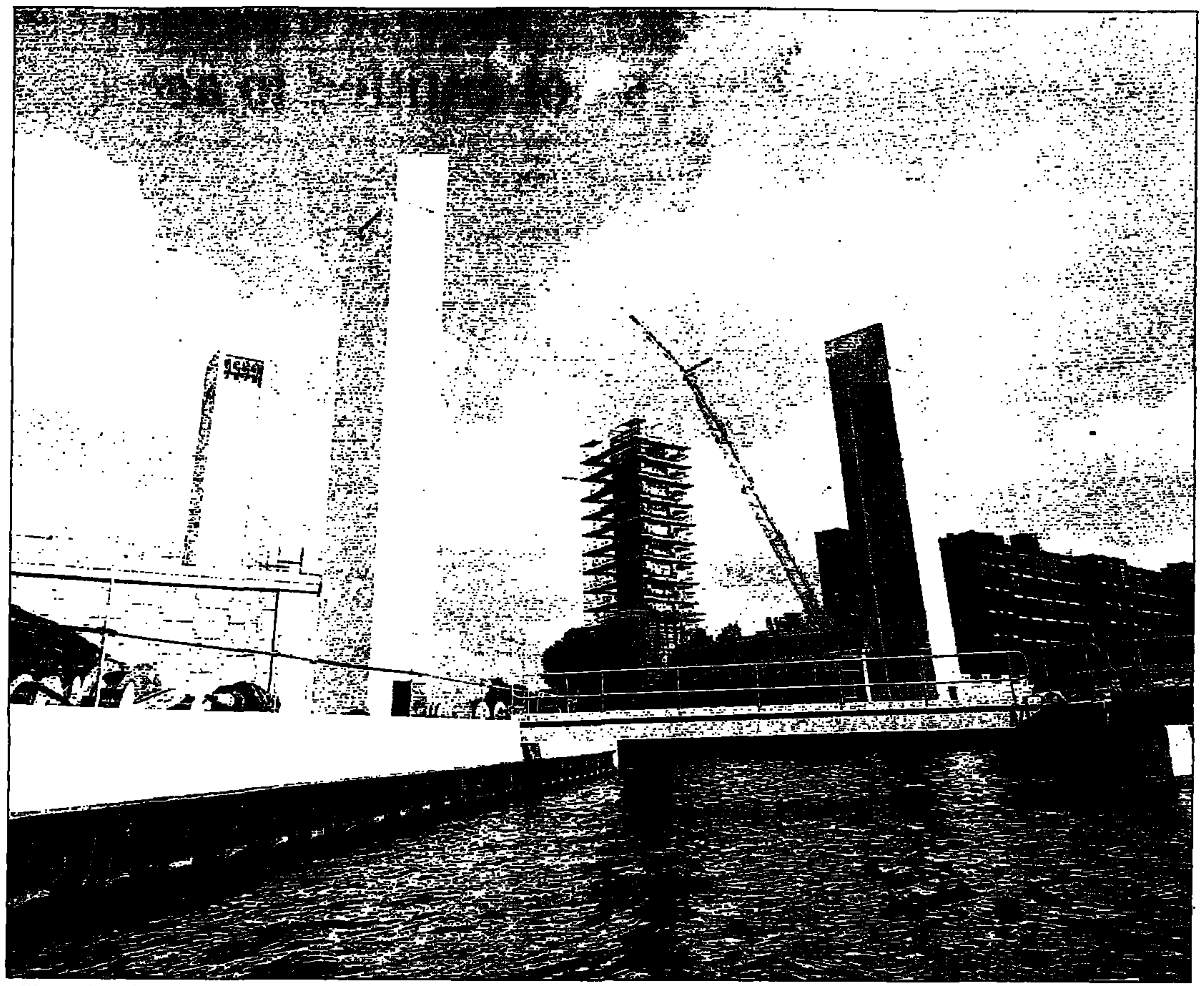
Peter Morris, chairman of the association and a director of Bovis, said that the industry is continuing to move forwards and that project managers are no longer people who merely bring to fruition other managers' ideas.

"They make an important contribution to the management process right from the start," he says, "and have a considerable influence in many key areas of a company's development.

"More and more businesses are realising the worth of professional project management."

The APM represents 3,500 project managers in Britain and can claim to be the most highly qualified association, with over 40 per cent of its membership holding two or more degree qualifications. It is also pioneering a global qualification for project managers which should be operating within Europe in the next few months.

The association is working towards creating an internationally accepted standard for project management. This could eventually lead to the attainment of chartered status for project managers. Current APM membership categories are student, or associate, membership, membership for practising managers, fellowship membership — for those employers who have carried top-flight responsibilities for more than five years — and corporate membership, which is open to companies and organisations.



The Project of the Year is the Centenary Bridge over the Manchester Ship Canal, constructed 100 years after Queen Victoria opened the canal

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

THE NEW Centenary Bridge over the Manchester Ship Canal, connecting the Trafford Park Development with the M602, has won the Project of the Year award for the project team from Allot and Lomax and the Trafford Park Development Corporation.

The bridge and associated roads were opened by the Queen in December 1994, 100 years after Queen Victoria had opened the canal. It is the largest single infrastructure project carried out by the Development Corporation, and the £152 million scheme is already substantially benefiting the area by improving the local environment and transport.

The project was a multidisciplinary effort taking two and a half years and involving civil engineering, legal services, land assembly, landscaping and environmental improvements.

One of the judges, Mr Andy Batehup, the executive project supervisor of Bovis Construction, says: "This was a real-life project introducing new infrastructure that brings potential benefits for the whole area. It is an excellent example of an effective partnership linking the specialist skills of client, consultant and contractors, and it demonstrates the value of project management in carrying out major public-sector projects and delivering them within demanding time and cost constraints."

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PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Loughborough: nuclear first

DAVID LOUGHBOROUGH, who has won the Project Manager of the Year award, led a team from AEA Technology and co-ordinated a £3 million project to carry out the first major decommissioning of a nuclear facility at Harwell, Oxfordshire.

The decommissioning, which came after licensing by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, involved the dismantling of a laboratory where radiation levels could have been up to 50,000 times the legal limit. Anyone entering would have been exposed to their yearly limit of radiation within six minutes.

Dismantling the laboratory, which was built in the mid-1960s using the state-of-the-art techniques of the time, involved applying remote-control robotic techniques. A heavy-duty articulated arm capable of lifting up to 220lb was used to drill and cut through materials such as steel and concrete up to 2.5 metres thick. The robot arm then cut the dismantled structure and equipment into pieces small enough to be loaded into stainless-steel, lead-shielded containers for transport to Harwell's intermediate disposal site.

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SIR MONTY FINNISTON AWARD

BILL McELROY, of the management consultants Nichols Associates in London, who has won the £3,000 award, submitted a paper analysing the problems of changing the organisational structure within a company and examining how often the failure of such changes is attributed to poor project management. He argues that this should be no indictment of project management, which can be a powerful engine for strategic change.

Mr McElroy, from Sutton, Surrey, believes that the key to successful strategic change lies in overcoming the inertia found in many organisations, using projects to "side-step" hierarchy. By supporting project management, he argues, sponsors of expensive, far-reaching change stand a greater chance of success.

Reflecting the quality of this year's entries, the judges have made a second award of £1,000 to Rodney Turner and Reza Peymal, from the Henley Management College, for their versatile approach to achieving quality in project-based organisations.

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McElroy: strategic changes

YOUNG PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

MARTIN CHAMBERS, 35, of Grove Projects, London, who has won the £500 award for young project manager, has found that British companies working for Japanese clients can sometimes suffer a culture shock.

Mr Chambers, of Water Orton, Birmingham, won the award for overseeing the new £9.5 million Ricoh photocopier toner cartridge plant, built at Telford, Shropshire. He found that his Japanese client demanded a degree of accuracy in programming on critical terms that was measured in hours rather than the more normal British practice of measuring in days or weeks.

Contingency sums also had to be excluded from cost plans, something which at first raised eyebrows among the British project team, but which proved to be a net benefit to the project.

Mr Chambers says: "This was a new experience for most of us on the project, but it did not mean that money was not available for good ideas, enhancements, inflation or even any overspend."

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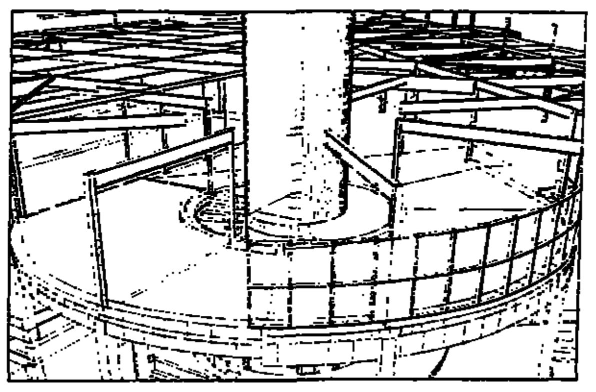

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Adoption mother is not entitled to access

In re D and Another (Minors) (Adoption: Access)

Before *Lord Mackay of Clashfern*, Lord Chancellor, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Lloyd of Berwick

[Speeches March 9]

A *mother* whose parental rights and duties had vested in an adoption agency by virtue of an order freeing her two illegitimate children for adoption was not entitled to apply for custody or access under section 3(1) of the Law Reform (Parent and Child) (Scotland) Act 1986.

The House of Lords allowed an *appeal by the* local authority *from* a majority decision of the Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (Lord Morison and Lord Prosser, Lord McCluskey dissenting) (*D v Grampian Regional Council* (1994 SLT 1038), *refusing a reclaiming motion* by the local authority for review of the interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary, Lord Penrose, of March 29, 1994.

Mr A. G. Stewart, QC and Mrs Maria Clarke for the local authority; Mr E. F. Bowen, QC and Miss I. R. Ennis for the mother.

LORD JAUNCEY said that on February 9, 1993 the sheriff at Aberdeen, on an application by the local authority, which had been opposed *by the mother, had made* an order under section 18(1) of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 declaring the children free for adoption. He had been satisfied that the mother's consent should be dispensed with.

She had petitioned the Court of Session under section 3 of the 1986 Act seeking a finding that she was entitled to the parental right of custody of, which failing access to, the children.

The local authority had tabled a number of preliminary pleas. The Lord Ordinary had repelled the first two and appointed the cause to the By Order Roll *to discuss* further procedure.

Section 18 of the 1978 Act *provides*: "(1) *Where, on* an application by an adoption agency, an authorised court is satisfied in the case of each parent or guardian of the child that ... (b) his agreement to the making of an adoption order should be dispensed with ... the court *shall* ... make an order declaring the child free for adoption..

"(5) *On the making of an* order under this section the parental rights and duties relating to the child vest in the adoption agency..."

Section 12(3) provided that the making of an adoption order *operated to extinguish the parental* right or duty vested in a parent.

The 1986 Act provides: "3(1) Any person claiming interest may make an application to the court for an order relating to parental rights and the court may make such order relating to parental rights as it thinks fit...

"9(1) Nothing in this Act shall ... (b) ... *affect the* law relating to adoption of children."

In *Beagley v Beagley* (1984 SC (HL) 69) the House of Lords had held that a parent who had been divested of all parental rights by a resolution in terms of section 16 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 was not entitled to apply for custody in an action of divorce.

In *Borders Regional Council v M* (1986 SC 63) the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross) and Lord Hunter had expressed the view that the effect of an order under section 18 of the 1978 Act would be a fortiori the effect of an order under *section 16 of the 1968 Act in view of* the express provision for extinction of parental rights in section 18(5).

The Lord Ordinary had concluded that the terms of section 3 of the 1986 Act were unqualified in their application and that the effect of *Beagley v Beagley* and *Borders Regional Council v M* had not been preserved by section 9.

Lords Morison and Prosser had concluded that section 3(1) did not "affect the law relating to adoption" as referred to in section 9.

The 1978 Act provided a comprehensive code for adoption and it was perfectly clear that the whole procedure was intended to produce a permanent result for the adopted child.

An adoption order once made was revocable only in circumstances that would have no practical effect on the child's day-to-day life, in contradistinction to an order for custody or access which was always reviewable by the court when circumstances demanded.

Prior to the 1986 Act it was not in dispute that a divested parent would not have been entitled to seek an order for custody or access either during the dependence of a freeing order or after the making of an adoption order.

The question was therefore whether section 3(1) *had altered the* position without at the same time altering the law relating to adoption. If a divested parent had *unsuccessfully applied under section* 20(1) of the 1978 Act to revoke a freeing order, a subsequent *application for custody would, if* successful, circumvent the provisions of section 20(4) restricting such parent to one application for revocation. Further, if a divested parent could apply for custody under section 3(1) of the 1986 Act after the making of an adoption order the granting of the application would have the practical, if not the technical, effect of revoking the adoption order.

The first example would involve driving a coach and four through the adoption procedure, and the latter example would undermine the whole permanency of adoption. His Lordship did not see how it could be said that the operation of section 3(1) in such circumstances would *not "affect the law* relating to adoption of children" within the meaning of section 9(1)(b).

In his Lordship's view, section 3(1) had to be construed in a manner that did not alter existing adoption law, including that expounded in *Beagley v Beagley* and *Borders Regional Council v M*, that was to say, in a *manner that* conferred on divested parents neither rights in relation to their natural children of which Parliament in the 1978 Act had specifically provided that they should be divested nor rights the exercise of which would effectively cut across the procedure and effect of adoption.

In short, section 9(1)(b) was a complete answer to the mother's contention. In reaching that conclusion his Lordship was fortified by the fact that it would be very remarkable if Parliament, which had enacted a detailed and comprehensive code for adoption, should have intended to make substantial innovations thereon by a general provision such as section 3 without any specific reference to the provisions of that code that would be affected.

If there were to arise after the making of an adoption order exceptional circumstances affecting the welfare of the child that had been unforeseen by Parliament and required intervention by the court, it might well be that an application by the divested parent to the nobile officium for an *appropriate order would be entertained* by the Court of Session (see per Lord Fraser of Tullybelton in *Beagley v Beagley*), since neither statute excluded that jurisdiction, but no such question arose in the present appeal.

Although the matter no longer required to be considered, Lords McCluskey and Morison had been *correct to conclude that a divested* parent was "a person other than a parent ... or guardian" for the purposes of section 47(2) of the Children Act 1975.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Keith, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Lloyd agreed.

Solicitors: Dyson Bell Martin for Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS, *Edinburgh; Andrew Page* for McClure Naismith Anderson & Gardner, Edinburgh for Stephen & *Robb, Keith*.

No bias in dismissal through pregnancy illness

Brown v Rentokil Ltd

Before Lord Allanbridge, Lord Murray and Lord Wylie

[Judgment January 18]

Where a woman was dismissed because she was prevented from working by an illness arising out of *her pregnancy, her dismissal was* not direct sexual discrimination in terms of either the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 or EEC Council Directive 76/207.

An Extra Division of the Court of Session so held, refusing an appeal by Mrs Mary Brown against a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal of an application brought by her against Rentokil Ltd.

The Sex Discimrination Act 1975 *provides*: "1(1) A *person discriminates* against a woman in any circumstances relevant for the purposes of any provision of this Act if—(a) on the ground of her sex he treats her less favourably than he treats or would treat a man... 5(3) A comparison of the cases of persons of different sex ... under section 1(1) ... must be such that the relevant circumstances in the one case are the same, or not materially different, in the other."

EEC Council Directive 76/207 provides:"5(1) ... with regard to ... conditions governing dismissal ... men and women are to be guaranteed the same conditions without discrimination on grounds of sex."

Mr Colin McEachran, QC, for the appellant; *Mr Nicholas Ellis* for the respondents.

LORD ALLANBRIDGE, delivering the opinion of the court, said that the respondents had had a working rule, which had been a *condition of the appellant's* employment with them, that where an employee exceeded 26 weeks of continuous sick leave, that employee would be dismissed. That rule had been applied on at least one occasion in respect of a male employee.

The appellant had become pregnant and not worked from August *1990 until she was dismissed* in February 1991. During that period, she had submitted a series of medical certificates. The respondents accepted that her illness had been due to medical conditions arising out of her pregnancy.

The industrial tribunal had stated that the appellant had been treated in the same way as a male employee absent through long-term illness.

In *Webb v Emo Air Cargo (UK) Ltd* ([1993] 1 WLR 49), *Lord Keith of* Kinkel had stated that there could be no doubt that in general to dismiss a woman because she was pregnant was unlawful direct discrimination: see *James v Eastleigh Borough Council* ([1990] 2 AC 751).

However, Lord Keith had said in *Webb* that the applicant had not been dismissed simply because she *was pregnant, but because her* pregnancy had the consequence that she would not be available for work at the critical time. He had gone on to explain that, but for her sex, Mrs Webb would not have been pregnant and but for her pregnancy she would not have been unavailable.

He had stated that if the "but for" *test applied to that situation, it* had equally to apply where the reason for the woman's being *unavailable at the critical time* was that she was then due to have an operation of a particularly gynaecological nature, such as a hysterectomy.

But a man could require to undergo an operation from some condition which was peculiar to males, such as an abnormal prostate. Lord Keith had explained that the correct comparison was not with any man, but with a hypothetical man who would also be unavailable at the critical time. The relevant circumstance in terms of section 5(3) was expected unavailability. The *precise* reason for the unavailability was not a relevant circumstance.

Their Lordships respectfully adopted and followed Lord Keith's reasoning. In the present case, it was not relevant that the precise reason for the appellant's illness was a condition, namely pregnancy, which was capable of affecting only women. No *discrimination had arisen under* the 1975 Act considered in isolation.

Their Lordships required, however, to take into account the answer of the European Court of Justice to the question referred by the House of Lords in *Webb* ([1994] 1 IRLR 482). The appellant submitted that the answer, read along with the opinion of the advocate-general, clearly indicated that the 1976 Directive applied to the present *case where a woman was* dismissed due to an illness connected with pregnancy.

However, in Handels-og v Dansk Arbejdsgiverforing ([1992] ICR 332), the *Herts* case, the European Court had said that "the Directive does not envisage the case of an illness attributable to pregnancy or confinement... In the case of an illness manifesting itself after the maternity leave, there was no reason to distinguish an *illness* attributable to pregnancy or confinement from any other illness. Such a pathological condition *was covered by the* general rules applicable in the event of illness. Male and female workers are equally exposed to illness. Although certain disorders are, it is true, specific to one sex, the only question is whether a woman is dismissed on account of absence due to illness in the same circumstances as a man: if that is the case, then there is no *direct discrimination on grounds of sex*." It would therefore appear that the appellant was not protected by the directive.

Webb did not distinguish the appellant's case from that in the *Hertz* case. *Webb* was not an "illness" case, but a dismissal case directly due to pregnancy.

In paragraph 25 (at p494) the European Court had stated: "In the *Hertz* judgment ... the court drew a clear distinction between pregnancy and illness, even where *the* illness was attributable to pregnancy but manifests itself after the maternity leave ... there was no reason to distinguish such an illness from any other illness."

That part of the ratio in *Hertz* applied to the present appeal. The appellant's absence having been illness and having been dismissed on account of that illness, she could *not succeed on the relevant facts*.

Mr McEachran argued that as *Hertz* had been dealing with an illness *some time after pregnancy*, the present appeal could be distinguished and he suggested that if the court had any doubt, it should refer the case to the European Court.

Their Lordships had reached the conclusion that the present case was reasonably clear and free from doubt in view of the European *Court's decision in Hertz*.

Law agents: Mackay Simon; Gillam Mackie, SSC.

Court of Session

Who pays compensation over disputed order

Emslie & Simpson Ltd v Aberdeen City District Council

Before the Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Morison and Lord Weir

[Judgment January 24]

In cases of disputed compensation arising out of a compulsory purchase order, the general rule was that the acquiring authority should bear the expenses of a reference to the Lands Tribunal.

Where occupiers of property *which was subject to such an order* had been paid advance compensation prior to a final determination of compensation, and had referred their claim to the tribunal, which had awarded them not only less than the sum claimed, but less *than their advance compensation*, with the result that they had had to repay the amount by which the advance compensation had exceeded the final award, the tribunal had nevertheless been entitled to award the claimants the expenses of the reference, on the grounds that the award had been more than the sum offered by the *authority at the hearing*, and that the authority had not used the statutory procedure to make a formal tender.

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing an appeal by the City of Aberdeen District Council against a decision of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland awarding *Emslie & Simpson* Ltd the expenses of their reference to the tribunal of a claim for compensation in respect of a compulsory purchase order.

Mr Gordon Reid, QC, for the appellants: the respondents did not appearand were not represented.

LORD MORISON, with whose opinion the Lord President agreed, said that, in terms of section 48, the appellants had been obliged to pay the claimants the advance compensation, and that the appellants had not used the procedure provided by the Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1963 to make an offer *having the same effect* as a tender in ordinary litigation.

In those circumstances, the *advance payment was not* equivalent to an offer which the claimants should have considered before making the reference. The effect on the issue of expenses of the fact that the sum claimed had greatly exceeded the eventual award had been a matter *for the discretion of* the tribunal; and in any event, in the ordinary case it was perfectly *reasonable for* a claimant to seek the largest sum for which he could reasonably argue.

The tribunal had been entitled to regard the fact that the award substantially exceeded the appellants' offers as the major consideration bearing *on the question of* expenses. Accordingly, on the ordinary principle that expenses followed success, the tribunal's decision was one that they had been entitled to reach.

His Lordship reserved his opinion on the question of whether or not the tribunal were entitled in such cases to refrain, to the extent *that they saw fit, and subject* to the statutory provisions, from applying the general rule that expenses ordinarily followed success.

THE LORD PRESIDENT, agreeing, added that provision was made by section 11 of the Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1963 to enable an acquiring authority to protect itself, by means of an unconditional offer in writing, against the expenses of proceedings in the Lands Tribunal.

If the sum awarded by the Lands Tribunal did not exceed the sum so offered, the tribunal was directed by section 11(1), unless for special reasons it thought proper not to do so, to order the claimant to bear the expenses. No such offer had been made.

The respondents had been awarded such a sum that the appellants could say that they were no better off than they would have been had they accepted the advance payment. The appellants submitted that the proceedings had been unnecessary.

In his Lordship's opinion, the amount of the advance payments was of no relevance to the question of expenses. Advance payments under section 48 of the Land Compensation *(Scotland) Act 1973* served an entirely different purpose from that of offers under *section 11 of the 1963 Act*.

The purpose of section 48 was to enable the claimant to obtain a proportion of the sum which the authority estimated was due to him at an earlier date than the date when the compensation was finally agreed or determined. It had no bearing on the question of whether further proceedings for a *determination* of that issue by the Lands Tribunal were necessary.

The position in relation to expenses in cases of disputed compensation was not necessarily the same as that which applied to litigation generally. The principle which *applied to litigation* was that the cost of litigation should fall on him who caused it: see *Shepherd v Elliot* ((1896) 23 R 695).

The cost of determining the amount of disputed compensation would seem, according to that principle, to fall on the acquiring authority without whose resort to the use of compulsory powers there would have been *no need for* the owner or occupier *to* be compensated.

While the tribunal should be guided, in the exercise of its discretion, by the general rules as explained in Maclaren, *Expenses* (at pp21-23) particular account should be taken in those cases of the underlying principle, especially when questions arose as to what constituted success and whether the proceedings had been *necessary*.

Lord Weir agreed with Lord Morison.

Law agents: *Bennett* & Robertson.

Claim under arbitration is pure and not contingent debt

Rippin Group Ltd, v ITP Interpipe SA

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Murray and Lord Morison

[Judgment February 2]

A claim for payment under a contract which, in terms of the *contract, was subject to arbitration*, was a pure and not a contingent debt.

Accordingly, on the dependence of an action for payment, the creditor could arrest debts due to his alleged debtor.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, granting a reclaiming motion *by Rippin Group Limited against* an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary recalling an arrestment effected by the reclaimers on the dependence of an action brought by them against ITP Interpipe SA.

Mr William Nimmo Smith, QC and Mr Nicholas Holroyd for the reclaimers; Mr Malcolm Scott, QC, for the respondents.

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK said that the respondents main*tained that the pursuers' claim was* contingent upon the arbiter determining that the sums were payable in terms of the parties' contract.

Their Lordships accepted Professor Gloag's statement that "An obligation is contingent or con*ditional if it enforceability is* dependent on an event which may or may not happen, or if, thoug exigible at once, it till cease to be exigible on the occurrence of some uncertain event." *(Contract*, (second edition p272).

In *Costain Building and Civil Engineering v Scottish Rugby Union* (1994 SLT 573) Lord Clyde had said that "the question whether certification or arbitration is a condition precedent to pay*ment under a contract should be a* matter of the construction of the particular contract."

In the present case there was no question of any certification by an architect or an engineer being required. The contract provided that "any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arising between the parties hereto in connection with this contract shall be referred to arbitration."

The respondents submitted that *the sums were contingent because* they were subject to a condition in the contract which had to be fulfilled before they became payable; that condition was that the arbiter had determined the disputed issue in favour of the reclaimers.

Their Lordships were not persuaded that the arbitration clause contained any condition which *required to be fulfilled before the* sum became payable.

The parties were not bound to go to *arbitration*, and *if*, after the action had been raised, neither party had chosen to found upon *the provisions of the arbitration* clause, then no arbitration would take place.

In *any event*, the effect of such a clause was that instead of the court the arbiter was to inquire into and decide the merits of the action: see *Hamlyn & Co v Talisker Distillery* ((1894) 21 R (HL) 21, 25) per Lord Watson.

The arbiter thus took the place of the court. It had never been suggested that the fact that the court had to determine *the merits* of a claim in itself made a claim for payment of a debt contingent.

"*Claims which depend on the* issue of a suit are not truly contingent debts: for decree in the action *merely* constitutes the debt which existed at the commencement of the case":see Graham Stewart *Diligence* p81).

Law agents: Macbeth Currie & Co, WS, for Pagan Osborne and Grace, Cupar; Simpson & Marwick, WS.

Law Report March 10

Grounds of appeal necessary

Regina v Hiley

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Alliott and Mr Justice Owen

[Judgment March 6]

For the Courts-Martial Appeal Court to be able to give proper consideration to applications for leave to appeal, *proper* applications had to be provided in much the same way as grounds of appeal against conviction were submitted under the Criminal Appeal Act 1968.

The Lord Chief Justice so stated on giving the judgment of the Court of Appeal, dismissing an application by Debra Ann Hiley, a *former corporal in the Royal* Military Police, for leave to appeal against conviction at a district court-martial at Dreghorn Barracks, Edinburgh (Deputy Judge Advocate-General Suzanna Elizabeth Wollam) for assault occasion*ing actual bodily harm, contrary to* section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861, for which she was sentenced to nine months detention, dismissed the service, reduced to the ranks and ordered to pay £500 compensation to the victim, another serviceman, hit over the head with a bottle, causing a cut.

Mr *Gilbert Blades*, solicitor, for the applicant.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, refusing the application, said that on a number of occasions, the court had been concerned that *applications for* leave *to appeal to* the Courts-Martial Appeal Court had been submitted by the use of a notice of application for leave to appeal simply being supported by the petition which was submitted to the service board.

The present application and a previous application before the court that morning exemplified that practice. It should stop.

For the court to give proper consideration to applications for leave to appeal, legal representatives submitting applications to the Courts-Martial Appeal Court *should* provide fresh grounds of appeal, which properly and fully set out the grounds on which the application was made, in much the same way as grounds of appeal were submitted for *applications* for leave to appeal against conviction under the provisions of the 1968 Act.

Solicitors: Gilbert Blades, Lincoln.

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AS AMENDED BY THE BROADCASTING ACT 1990
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 26A (5) of the Copyright Tribunal Rules 1989 as amended by the Copyright Tribunal (Amendment) Rules 1991, of applications under Section 135D of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 by the persons whose names and addresses appear in the Schedule to this Notice (hereinafter referred to as "the applicants").

Copies of the Notices of Application and Statements of the Applicants' Cases were served on Phonographic Performance Limited of Ganton House, Ganton Street, London W1V 1LB (hereinafter referred to as "the copyright owner") on 4 January 1995.

The applicants intend to avail themselves of the right to include sound recordings in a cable programme service (the Digital Music Express Service), for which the copyright owner could grant a licence, and have applied to the Tribunal to settle the terms of payment for including sound recordings in such a cable programme service.

ANY ORGANISATION OR PERSON wishing to object to the applicants' credentials or wishing to be made party to the proceedings should apply to the undersigned in the manner prescribed by the Copyright Tribunal Rules 1989 as amended by the Copyright Tribunal (Amendment) Rules 1991, not later than 31 March 1995.

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IN THE MATTER OF
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AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 2 March 1995, I, *Melvyn Julian Carter*, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Liquidator
Dated this sixth day of March 1995

No. 00 1236 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
HORSELL GRAPHIC
INDUSTRIES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

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No. 00 1238 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT
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HORSELL PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 28th February 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £36,690,182.60 to £20,179,600.43

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is listed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 22nd day of March 1995.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the said reduction of capital [illegible]

(FIRST) BRITANNIA LIFE LTD
(SECOND) BRITANNIA LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND LTD
(THIRD) BRITANNIA LIFE MANAGED PENSION FUNDS LTD

A Petition having been presented to the Court of Session, Scotland by the above named parties, the prayer of said Petition granted and the undernoted interlocutor pronounced by their Lordships on 15th December 1994. Intimation hereof is now given.

The Lords having heard Counsel for the Petitioners allow the Petition to be amended in terms of the Minute of Amendment No 13 of Process; having considered the Petition along with the report by Mr D S Williamson, Solicitor, No 12 of Process sanction the scheme appended to the Petition under which the whole of the long term insurance businesses carried on by Britannia Life Limited, Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited (under exception of the Irish business referred to in statement 7) and Britannia Life Managed Pension Funds Limited are transferred to Britannia Life Assurance Limited; transfer to Britannia Life Assurance Limited the whole of the undertakings and of the property and liabilities of (First) Britannia Life Limited (Second) Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited (under exception of that part of its undertaking and of its property and liabilities attributable to the Irish business aforesaid) and (Third) Britannia Life Managed Pension Funds Limited attributable to such long term insurance businesses which Order shall not become effective in respect of each (if any) Residual Assets and Residual Liability (as defined in the scheme) of Britannia Life Limited, Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited and Britannia Life Managed Pension Fund Limited until (A) the date on which the consent to or the waiver of any rights of any rights in respect of the transfer of such residual asset is either obtained from any party other than Britannia Life Limited, Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited, Britannia Managed Pension Funds Limited or Britannia Life Assurance Limited or such consent or waiver is no longer required or dispensed with by the Court or (B) (in the event of any proceeds of sale or income or other accrual or return whether or not in any case in the form of cash being received in respect of or earned on any Residual Asset if in a form freely transferable) the date on which the right to the proceeds income or other accrual or return vests in Britannia Life Limited, Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited or Britannia Life Managed [illegible]

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The Lords having heard Counsel for the Petitioners allow the Petition to be amended in terms of the Minute of Amendment No 14 of Process, having considered the Petition along with the report by Mr D S Williamson, Solicitor, Edinburgh, No 15 of Process sanctions the scheme appended to the Petition under which the said business of Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited as defined in statement 3 be transferred to Britannia Life Assurance Limited, under paragraph 6 of schedule 2c of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, transfer to Britannia Life Assurance Limited the whole of the undertaking and of the property and liabilities of Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited attributable to the Irish business: which order shall not become effective in respect of each (if any) Residual Assets and Residual Liability (as defined in the scheme) of Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited until (A) the date on which the consent to, or the waiver of any rights in respect of, the transfer of such residual assets in either obtained from any party other than Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited or Britannia Life Assurance Limited or such consent or waiver is no longer required or dispensed with by the Court or (B) (in the event of any proceeds of sale or income or other accrual or return, whether or not in any case in the form of cash, being received in respect of or earned on any Residual Assets, if in a form freely transferable) the date on which the right to the proceeds, income or other accrual or return vests in Britannia Life Association of Scotland Limited; further dispenses with intimation pursuant to paragraph 2(2)(d) of schedule 2(c) of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, to any other person: order advertisement of this interlocutor once in the London Gazette, the Edinburgh Gazette and the Belfast Gazette and once in each of the Scotsman, The Herald, The Times, the Daily Telegraph, the Irish Independent and the Irish Times newspapers, said publications to include undertakings given by Britannia Life Assurance Limited and Britannia Building Society to the effect as follows.

"Certain undertakings have been given by Britannia Life Assurance Limited and Britannia Building [illegible]

No. 00 1237 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
INTERNATIONAL PAPER
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 28th February 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £200,000,000 to £170,000,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is listed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 22nd day of March 1995.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

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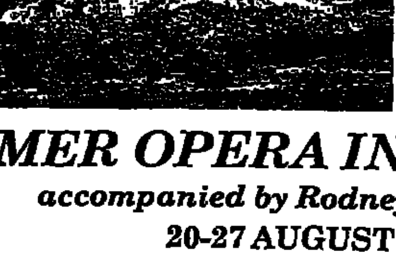

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Nicholson fined over Boxing Day fracas

By Julian Muscat

DAVID NICHOLSON, the champion National Hunt trainer, was yesterday fined £1,500 for using threatening behaviour towards a photographer at Kempton Park on December 26.

The sanction demonstrates the gravity of Nicholson's actions in the eyes of the Jockey Club, whose disciplinary committee sat for four hours before reaching its conclusion. It is the most severe fine ever imposed for an offence of this nature.

Allegations that Nicholson struck Edward Whitaker, a photographer for the *Racing Post*, were not proven by the three-man committee, headed by Anthony Mildmay-White. But in a prepared statement, the committee added that "the verbal attack and the way in which it was delivered was so severe and threatening as to be violent and improper".

The fine is far heavier than the £200 meted out to Billy Morris, who butted his fellow jockey, Jamie Osborne, in the face at Newbury three years ago. And Jenny Pitman paid the same amount after having struck the hapless Osborne at Ayr in 1990.

After the hearing in London, Nicholson, who appeared shaken after the hearing, claimed the verdict totally vindicated his denying having struck Whitaker. "I'm delighted — but not with the fine. I was found not to have hit Whitaker. I categorically did not hit him and I expect a few apologies from somewhere," he said. On the strength of the fine, Nicholson ventured: "I think it's stiff — but nothing a large brandy won't cure.'

The fracas took place at Kempton on Boxing Day minutes after Barton Bank, from the Nicholson stable, unseated his jockey, Adrian Maguire, with the King George VI Chase at his mercy. As Nicholson consoled a distraught Maguire, he became incensed by the close attentions of Whitaker and voiced his anger.

Nicholson, 55, was represented by the solicitor, Jeremy Richardson, and forwarded five witnesses on his behalf. Whitaker, who also gave evidence at the inquiry, was supported by the freelance photographer, Dan Abraham. "What upset the Jockey Club was the language David used and the intimidating way he used it," Richardson said.

Nicholson breached two clauses of Jockey Club Rule 220. The first relates to violent and improper conduct on a racecourse, and the second to bringing racing into disrepute. Until yesterday's findings, his disciplinary record had been exemplary save for some minor transgressions.

Nicholson: £1,500 fine

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Lloyd-Webbers lose leading lights for Festival

Andrew Longmore on a celebrated couple adding the racing scene to their repertoire

GERRY CRANHAM

Black Humour receives an enthusiastic reception from the Lloyd-Webbers after his victory in the Fairlawne Chase at Windsor

A copy of the *Racing Post* lay unopened on the desk alongside the latest issue of *Variety*. The front page announced One Man's defection from the Gold Cup next Thursday and Lady Madeleine Lloyd-Webber knew what the grey's connections would be feeling.

Yesterday, her own talented but temperamental chaser, Raymylette, was pulled out of the Festival along with Black Humour, leaving a cast of understudies to carry the colours of racing's most illustrious new owners next week. Uncle Ernie — "big heart, done wonderfully well for us" — is in the Grand Annual and Killone Abbot — "working well" — in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle on Wednesday.

Both, she said, were worth a flutter each-way, but neither could hide her understandable frustration that Raymylette, a Festival winner last year, had not recovered well enough from a hard race at Haydock to take his place in the Gold Cup or the Cathcart Chase.

She was as upset for her husband, Sir Andrew, as she was for herself. "Andrew will be more disappointed than I am. He wanted me to have a runner in the Gold Cup, but I've been around horses for long enough to know that nothing is certain. Raymylette is a quirky horse, a worrier and he's been off his food for the last four days. He's better today, but it's too late, so we'll hope to get him right for Aintree."

Lady Madeleine was a good enough horsewoman to come second at Burleigh in 1988 and to represent Britain three times in European and world championships during a ten-year career in three-day eventing.

She is tougher than she looks, though the depths of her common sense were reached when her one National Hunt ride ended in a fall. She is also smart enough to know that, for the moment, her main claim to fame comes from persuading one of the country's richest men to patronise the hard-pressed world of horse racing.

Sir Andrew, it was said once, detested horses. If so, he has changed tunes and developed an interest which, if short of first love, has gone beyond mere indulgence of a wife's whims. "He's getting hooked on it," she said. "He will nip into the car and go to Sandown to watch a bumper because he doesn't want to miss out on anything. If he didn't like it, I'd know. He's not very good at pretending to enjoy something."

The couple now have 11 horses in training with a bewildering number of trainers, five in National Hunt and six on the Flat, some running in Madeleine's pink and grey colours, the rest in Sir Andrew's blue and green, and are developing the Watership Down stud on their 4,000-acre estate near Newbury which has already produced a clutch of yearlings with high-class ancestors — Dayjur, Storm Bird and Sadler's Wells.

One, Ballet High, trained by Ian Balding, is set to make his racecourse debut this spring. The policy is to sell the colts and keep eight to ten good mares for further breeding. Three recent Saturday evenings have been interrupted by a call from the stud manager and a hectic dash to see the birth of a new foal.

Lady Madeleine said: "The stud is a long-term business, which, hopefully, will become self-propelling. Andrew agrees it is no use being half-hearted about it and I'm very lucky. He can afford to do it properly. We're not in the same league as the shaikhs or Robert Sangster. It's not that sort of commitment. That's Robert's business, his love. Andrew's first love is writing music, but I think we can do it well in a small way. Anyway, if I wasn't spending money on horses, he'd be spending it on paintings, so it keeps him on his toes. Above all, racing is a wonderful way for us to relax." They enjoy a bet, rarely more than £20.

Has she thought about training her own horses? "Not really. I'm sure I could do it because there is not much difference between preparing a horse for Badminton and preparing one for Cheltenham, but I don't have the time. My life is to support Andrew and I have two little boys [aged one and two] to look after as well. Training requires 100 per cent commitment."

In their brief careers as owners, the Lloyd-Webbers have experienced both sides of the coin. Two of their horses, Joe Gillis and Al Mutahm, have been killed, two others have won at the Festival, proof to some that money can buy luck.

Even in racing, though, dreams come free. If Killone Abbot or Uncle Ernie slog up the Cheltenham hill in front, all the disappointments of the week will be forgotten. Failing that, Ballet High has been entered for the 1996 Derby.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Jack Button
2.35 Maxxum Express
3.05 **COUNTRY MEMBER** (nap)
3.40 Royal Piper
4.10 Wild Illusion
4.40 Jymjam Johnny

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
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GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES (CHASE COURSE); SOFT, HEAVY IN PLACES (HURDLES) SIS

2.00 EDMUND ROWLEY-WILLIAMS 40TH BIRTHDAY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,983: 2m 6f) (6 runners)

101 21 JACK BUTTON 13 (B,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 6-11-4 D Bridgwater 94
102 AT IT AGAIN (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 6-11-0 Peter Hobbs —
103 6 DODGY DEALER 30 (G Nock) C Brooks 5-11-0 G Bradley —
104 00 HANSON STREET 98 (C Reid) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-0 A Tory —
105 123264 HUGE MISTAKE 70 (G) (Windrush Racing) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0 C Llewellyn ●
106 0/P/F0 RUSHHOME 8 (B) (F Landrigan) P Rodford 8-10-9 S Burrough —

BETTING: 4-6 Jack Button, 2-1 Huge Mistake, 8-1 Dodgy Dealer, 14-1 At It Again, 16-1 others.

1994: OUROWNFELLOW 5-11-0 D Morris (4-1) R Curtis 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

JACK BUTTON beat Feels Like Gold 6l in 12-runner maiden hurdle at Haydock (2m 6f, heavy). DODGY DEALER 29l 6th of 25 to Red Blazer in National Hunt Flat race at Ascot (2m 110yd, heavy). HANSON STREET tailed off 11th of 14 to Absalom's Lady in novice chase at Exeter (2m 2f, good). HUGE MISTAKE 13¾l 4th of 10 to Go Ballistic in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy). RUSHHOME 131l 13th of 15 to Derring Bridge in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: HUGE MISTAKE

2.35 CRAY SYSTEMS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,486: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

201 42P11-5 MAESTRO PAUL 28 (F,G,S) (H Pelham) J Gifford 9-12-0 P Hide —
202 /23/P54 FIVELEIGH BUILDS 15 (G,S) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 8-10-5 G Bradley —
203 22/F5/ ASCOT LAD 814 (F,G) (J Berry) B De Haan 10-10-5 R Dunwoody —
204 03/3-242 PRIMITIVE SINGER 14 (F,S) (S Kitching) J Pickering 7-10-1 D Gallagher ●
205 PPP-P21 MAXXUM EXPRESS 122 (S) (L Garrett Racing) G Balding 7-10-1 A P McCoy 98
206 3P60-P4 COOL CHARACTER 79 (G) (N Elliott) R Buckler 7-10-0 B Powell 97
207 P-06435 CAMBO 4 (B,G,S) (M Banks) M Banks 9-10-0 D Skyrme 90
208 U3PFPP EXPRESS TRAVEL 60 (M Low) R Curtis 7-10-0 D Morris —
209 4/00620- DHARAMSHALA 34P (P Jones) P Jones 7-10-0 Mr J Culloty (7) —
210 0P-06UP RIVAGE BLEU 30 (C King) J King 8-10-0 R Farrant —

Long handicap: Express Travel 9-2, Dharamshala 8-12, Rivage Bleu 8-4.

BETTING: 2-1 Maxxum Express, 5-2 Maestro Paul, 5-1 Fiveleigh Builds, 8-1 Ascot Lad, Cool Character, 10-1 Primitive Singer, 20-1 others.

1994: YORKSHIRE GALE 8-11-10 D Murphy (Evens) J Gifford 2 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAESTRO PAUL distant 5th of 6 to Auburn Castle in novice chase at Newbury (2m 1f, heavy). Earlier, beat Suncoat 1¾l in 17-runner handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, good). April 1994. FIVELEIGH BUILDS 19l 4th of 12 to Wee Windy in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, soft). ASCOT LAD 23l 5th of 10 to Better Times Ahead in novice chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, soft) December 1992. PRIMITIVE SINGER 20l 2nd of 3 to The Bowler White in novice chase at Haydock (2m 4f, heavy). MAXXUM EXPRESS beat Positive Influence 4l in 7-runner novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft). COOL CHARACTER 21l 4th of 9 to Monday Club in novice chase at Ludlow (3m, good). CAMBO 18l 3rd of 6 to Rosgill in novice chase at Windsor (2m 5f, heavy) on penultimate start. DHARAMSHALA neck 2nd of 12 to Sherbrooks in maiden open event at Wadebridge (good to soft).
Selection: MAXXUM EXPRESS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Turnell	6	16	37.5	Mr C Ward Thomas	8	18	44.4
G Harwood	7	20	35.0	R Dunwoody	30	117	25.6
D Nicholson	26	78	33.3	L Harvey	5	26	19.2
J Gifford	26	145	17.9	M Perrett	9	49	18.4
S Dow	3	19	15.8	P Hide	7	42	16.7
C Brooks	7	45	15.6	Peter Hobbs	4	26	15.4

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Nap: ULURU
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Next best: Jason's Boy
(4.40 Sandown Park)

☐ Dreams End, trained by Bernard Llewellyn, was left out of the Champion Hurdle by mistake at yesterday's five-day declaration stage. The BHB refused to reinstate him.

3.05 HORSE AND HOUND GRAND MILITARY GOLD CUP
(Amateurs: £5,061: 3m 110yd) (16 runners)

301 PR-4002 BUCKBOARD BOUNCE 34 (G,S) (R Ogden) G Richards 9-12-7 A Ogden 84
302 063321 CUDDY DALE 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Queen Elizabeth) N Henderson 12-12-7 C Ward Thomas 68
303 6-52333 COOL AND EASY 43 (D,G,S) (Major M Watson) J Gifford 9-12-0 M Watson 57
304 50-F1P0 GENERAL BRANDY 10 (D,G,S) (S Fearn) J Gifford 9-12-0 E Andrewes 53
305 3012-31 GREEN TIMES 16 (D,G,S) (Major General C Ramsay) N Gaselee 10-12-0 W Ramsay 50
306 25214F MISTER FEATHERS 109 (D,F,G) (Major A Pearn) J King 14-12-0 G Wheeler 50
307 012PPP PARSON'S WAY 13 (B,G) (C Farr) A Jones 8-12-0 C Farr 50
308 325356- ASKCHARNEY 372 (S) (Capt B Payne) C Brooks 8-11-7 A Wood —
309 0026-15 CHARDEN 29P (G) (Lt-Col R Webb-Bowen) J Mullins 9-11-7 R Webb-Bowen 54
310 6-3F4PP COOL GROUND 13 (C,D,G,S) (T Fitzgerald) D Elsworth 13-11-7 D Alers-Hankey 97
311 012640 COUNTRY MEMBER 34 (CD,G,S) (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 10-11-7 O Ellwood ●
312 FP-P0FU GUNNER STREAM 13P (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Sims) A Sims 11-11-7 B Elliott —
313 5500-23 LEAGAUNE 2 (D,S) (S Lydle) T Casey 13-11-7 S Monks 50
314 FPP-UP LIGHT THE WICK 48P (G) (S Robinson) Mrs S Mullins 9-11-7 S Robinson —
315 3/RP-1P OVER THE EDGE 34P (B,G,S) (C Sporborg) W Sporborg 9-11-7 S Sporborg 53
316 PUPP-00 WHATEVER YOU LIKE 28P (G,S) (Capt T Ridgway) Mrs S Mullins 11-11-7 T Ridgway —

BETTING: 9-4 Buckboard Bounce, 3-1 Country Member, 7-2 Cuddy Dale, 12-1 Cool And Easy, Green Times, 14-1 Cool Ground, 16-1 others.

1994: QUICK RAPOR 9-11-7 D Alers-Hankey (9-1) R Barber 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

BUCKBOARD BOUNCE 1½l 2nd of 6 to Bob Devani in handicap chase at Fairyhouse (2m 4f, heavy). CUDDY DALE beat Flyer's Nap 5l in handicap chase over course and distance (3m 110yd, heavy). Earlier 4l 2nd of 12 to Sunley Bay in amateurs handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, soft) with COOL AND EASY (6lb better off) 1¾l 3rd. GENERAL BRANDY best effort this term beat Frozen Drop 1½l in 8-runner conditional jockeys handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good) with MISTER FEATHERS (4lb worse off) 11½l 4th. GREEN TIMES beat River Bounty short-head in 6-runner hunter chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, soft). COOL GROUND best effort this term 2l 4th of 10 to Deep Bramble in handicap chase here (3m 5f 110yd, good to soft). COUNTRY MEMBER 13¾l 4th of 8 to Raymylette in handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good) on penultimate start with COOL GROUND (6lb worse off) tailed off when fell 3 out. LEAGAUNE 21¾l 3rd of 5 to Diamond Fort in handicap chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, soft).
Selection: COUNTRY MEMBER (nap)

3.40 COGNAC COURVOISIER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,610: 2m 6f) (9 runners)

401 42-4P04 CALAPAEZ 48 (C,F,G,S) (T Blake) Miss B Sanders 11-12-0 S McNeill —
402 32/1F1F- NORTHERN VILLAGE 482 (CD,F,G) (Visual Identity Ltd) S Dow 8-11-12 D Bridgwater 89
403 353-165 ULURU 55 (F,G) (P Morgan) C Nash 7-11-4 R Dunwoody 94
404 5-1323P WELSH LUSTRE 10 (D,S) (Mrs L Lovell) D Nicholson 6-10-13 W Marston 92
405 0/0P30-P METAL OISEAU 27 (B,D,G,S) (F Ivory) R Cunningham-Brown 7-10-12 A P McCoy 88
406 352412 JADIDH 14 (CD,F,G,S) (D Hazzard) C Wildman 7-10-12 D Salter (5) 98
407 5255-PP CHIEF CELT 21 (G,S) (Mrs J Peppiatt) J King 9-10-9 M A Fitzgerald 96
408 FFPF13 ROYAL PIPER 27 (D,S) (A Darlington) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-10-9 A Tory 98
409 PU-PP01 DERRING VALLEY 16 (B,D,F,B,S) (A King) A Jones 10-10-7 L Harvey ●

BETTING. 11-4 Jadidh, 7-2 Royal Piper, 4-1 Uluru, 9-2 Derring Valley, 7-1 Welsh Lustre, 10-1 Calapaez, 12-1 others.

1994: VIARDOT 5-11-7 R Hodge (7-2) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALAPAEZ 24l 4th of 7 to Bibendum in handicap chase at Kempton (3m 4f 110yd, heavy). NORTHERN VILLAGE beat Bas De Laine head in 7-runner conditional jockeys handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) on penultimate start (November 1993) with DERRING VALLEY (10lb better off) 12½l 4th and ROYAL PIPER (12lb better off) 35½l 7th. ULURU 3¾l 5th of 17 to Burnt Imp in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). WELSH LUSTRE 7l 3rd of 16 to Tarbot in novice chase at Ludlow (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start. JADIDH 1l 2nd of 10 to Fired Earth in handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, heavy). Previously beat Warfield 3l in 9-runner conditional jockeys handicap hurdle over course and distance (heavy) with CHIEF CELT tailed off when pulled up before 2 out. ROYAL PIPER 12l 3rd of 13 to Gillan Cove in handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, heavy) with DERRING VALLEY (2lb better off) tailed off in 8th and CHIEF CELT and METAL OISEAU both pulled up. DERRING VALLEY beat Lying Eyes 3l in handicap hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, heavy)
Selection: ROYAL PIPER

4.10 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,138: 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

501 P1212-4 BRADWALL 14 (D,F,G,S) (G Barlow) Mrs A Hewitt 11-12-11 J Barlow (7) 96
502 P022-F5 FIFTH AMENDMENT 21 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Ponsonby) C Mann 10-12-11 R Ponsonby (7) 90
503 110-122 WILD ILLUSION 8 (D,F,G,S) (Miss J Pidgeon) 11-12-11 J Trice-Rolph (7) ●
504 P-340 JUST BALLYTOO 13P (Major S Oliver) N Lampard 8-12-4 S Oliver (7) —
505 1/3P5-5U LINEBACKER 18 (G) (Col M Sheffield) D Smith 11-12-4 C Ward Thomas (7) 79
506 21050 SCRUMPY COUNTRY 10 (F,G,S) (Major C Marriott) C Marriott 10-12-4 C Marriott (7) 72
507 5/3-P THE MERRY GAMBLER 17 (S) (A Norman) L Grassick 13-12-4 D Parker (7) —
508 4F-41 COPPER ROSE HILL 20P (S) (H McCall) Ms J McKeand 8-11-13 O Ellwood (7) —
509 11-35 HASTY SALVO 34P (G,S) (Major G Wheeler) J Dudgeon 11-11-13 G Wheeler (7) —

BETTING: 4-7 Wild Illusion, 4-1 Fifth Amendment, 7-1 Bradwall, 8-1 Copper Rose Hill, 10-1 Scrumpy Country, 14-1 Hasty Salvo, 20-1 Linebacker, 25-1 others

1994: ELVERCONE 13-11-11 M Watson (6-1) D Mills 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRADWALL ¾l 2nd of 5 to Nearco Bay in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. FIFTH AMENDMENT distant 5th of 8 to Cuddy Dale in handicap chase over course and distance (heavy). WILD ILLUSION short-head 2nd of 13 to Once Stung in hunter chase at Ludlow (3m, good to soft). SCRUMPY COUNTY best recent effort when 6l 2nd of 6 to Charden in members at Larkhill (good) with HASTY SALVO distant 3rd. COPPER HILL ROSE beat Lawnswood Sun neck in 11-runner members at Larkhill (good to soft) with SCRUMPY COUNTY (5lb better off) 8l 5th.
Selection: WILD ILLUSION

4.40 LILAC NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,998: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

601 442511 MUNTAFI 13 (D,S) (One Over Eight Ptnrs) G Harwood 4-11-13 M Perrett 90
602 50P0-2P DRESS DANCE 20 (Mrs J Powell) N Mitchell 5-11-5 Miss S Mitchell (7) 97
603 55130 SOPHIE MAY 22 (S) (J Daniels) M Dixon 4-10-11 M Attwater (7) 92
604 350663- DOMINOS RING 314 (Mrs J Carrington) R Buckler 6-10-10 B Powell 87
605 0PP/ TONY'S DELIGHT 724 (Exors of Mrs S Lousada) C Egerton 7-10-10 D Gallagher —
606 00P-520 JYMJAM JOHNNY 20 (BF) (Jymjam Ptnrs) J Akehurst 6-10-9 Peter Hobbs ●
607 P04601 JASON'S BOY 9 (S) (W Jones) J Bradley 5-10-0 (4ex) A P McCoy 97

Long handicap. Jason's Boy 9-10.

BETTING: 8-11 Muntafi, 5-2 Jason's Boy, 8-1 Dress Dance, 10-1 Dominos Ring, 14-1 Sophie May, Jymjam Johnny, 25-1 Tony's Delight.

1994: DOCTOOR 4-11-9 D O'Sullivan (8-1) R O'Sullivan 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUNTAFI beat Zaitoon 4l in 8-runner juveniles limited handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, heavy). Previously beat DRESS DANCE (13lb better off) 4l in 15-runner novice handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, heavy). SOPHIE MAY distant 8th of 11 to Black H'Penny in novice handicap hurdle here (2m 6f, heavy). Earlier beat MUNTAFI (14lb worse off) 2½l in 11-runner juvenile hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, soft). DOMINO'S RING 6¾l 3rd of 16 to Nearly Honest in novice handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 3f 110yd, good to firm). April 1994. TONY'S DELIGHT tailed off when pulled up before 2 out in the grade I Trafalgar House Supreme Novice Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm), March 1993. JYMJAM JOHNNY 13l 2nd of 15 to Ima Delight in handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. JASON'S BOY beat Holy Zeal 9l in 12-runner handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft)
Selection: SOPHIE MAY

Greenall to show the way in qualifier

By Brian Beel

TATTLEJACK and Politico Pot, having won their latest races in point-to-points, enter the hunter chase arena for the first time in The Times Rising Stars qualifier at Market Rasen today. The only other runner, Life Of A King, experienced the stiffer fences, at Wetherby last season.

However, Life Of A King has had his problems. After winning a maiden impressively last season, he was pulled up in his next two races with breathing problems. Operated on later in the year, he returned to racing at Cottenham in January and was unfortunate to be up against his stable companion, Itsgoneoff, and Wily William. He chased the winner until tiring three fences from home.

THE TIMES
RISING STARS

Tattlejack, formerly with Nigel Twiston-Davies, has found his niche in point-to-points. He won a maiden last year and in his latest outing, at Heythrop, ran his best race when landing a restricted.

The Yorkshire challenger, Politico Pot, looked to have a stamina problem last year, but won a maiden at Market Rasen three weeks ago. Although there are only three runners, this is an intriguing contest. If Johnny Greenall can dictate the pace, **Life Of A King** may have the edge.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

AYR: Trainers: P Beaumont, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 34 from 114, 29.8%; J J O'Neill, 18 from 79, 22.8%; G Richards, 53 from 233, 22.7%; G M Moore, 15 from 77, 19.5%. Jockeys: N Doughty, 32 winners from 129 rides, 24.8%; M Dwyer, 13 from 66, 19.7%; A Dobbin, 16 from 90, 17.8%; B Storey, 22 from 171, 12.9%.

MARKET RASEN: Trainers: N Twiston-Davies, 3 from 8, 37.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 25 from 76, 32.9%; M H Easterby, 23 from 74, 31.1%; N Tinkler, 21 from 75, 28.0%; J Edwards, 5 from 20, 25.0%. Jockeys: L Wyer, 20 from 88, 22.7%; C Llewellyn, 3 from 14, 21.4%; D Byrne, 13 from 73, 17.8%; A Maguire, 11 from 63, 17.5%

AYR

THUNDERER
1.50 Corston Racer. 2.20 Sheelin Lad. 2.55 Ninfa. 3.30 Uron V. 4.00 Monaughty Man. 4.30 Devilry.
Brian Beel: 4.00 Orange Ragusa.

GOING: HEAVY SIS

1.50 LAGG NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,316: 2m) (9 runners)

1 0515 YOUANDI 13 (CD,BF,S) L Lungo 5-11-3 T Reed 88
2 066 BLUE CHARM 56 Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-2 K Johnson 92
3 3322 CORSTON RACER 53 Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-2 R Murphy (7) ●
4 20-0 DERWENT LAD 167 M Barnes 6-11-2 A Dobbin 83
5 30F4 VAL DE RAMA 13 Denys Smith 6-11-2 M Dwyer 93
6 -0P2 CRAIGIE RAMBLER 27 D Robertson 6-10-11 I Jardine (7) 84
7 4R- JOYFUL SMITH 531 J Dixon 6-10-11 B Storey —
8 04-0 LOGANI 13 D Nolan 5-10-11 N Doughty —
9 663S MEADOWLECK 13 W Young 6-10-11 F Perratt (5) 68

2-1 Corston Racer, 3-1 Youandi, 4-1 Craigie Rambler, Blue Charm, 8-1 others.

2.20 HOLLYBUSH NOVICES CHASE
(£2,749: 3m 1f) (6)

1 4-01 JOHNNY KELLY 9 (S) J J O'Neill 8-11-10 M Dwyer 88
2 3312 SHEELIN LAD 27 (CD,BF,S) L Lungo 7-11-10 T Reed 94
3 2322 KILCOLGAN 41 Mrs J Goodfellow 8-11-3 B Storey ●
4 /FU SPURIOUS 20 G Richards 9-11-3 A Dobbin —
5 38P- SAGARO BELLE 303 A Crow 9-10-12 P Waggott (5) 73
6 664 SEEKING GOLD 35 J Barclay 6-10-12 A Thornton 91

4-5 Johnny Kelly, 5-2 Kilcolgan, 3-1 Sheelin Lad, 16-1 Spurious, 20-1 others.

2.55 MAD MARCH HARE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,633: 2m 4f) (3)

1 6236 CORNET 38 (V,CD,BF,F,G,S) Denys Smith 9-12-0 M Dwyer 93
2 4143 CEILIDH BOY 11 (B,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-11-4 B Storey 97
3 2F13 NINFA 41 (BF,G,S) G Richards 7-10-9 A Dobbin ●

5-4 Ninfa, 6-4 Ceilidh Boy, 11-4 Cornet.

3.30 JAMES BARCLAY MEMORIAL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,626: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 2-40 COQUI LANE 20 (C,S) Mr J Dun 8-11-11 J M Dun (5) 88
2 0P0- OFF THE BRU 328 (V,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 10-10-13 J Bradburne (5) 83
3 1102 FARMER'S CROSS 10 (G,S) P Beaumont 11-10-6 Mrs A Farrell 90
4 4UU1 URON V 10 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-10-4 (4ex) M H Naughton (7) ●
5 3026 TRAP DANCER 38 (G) B Mactaggart 7-10-0 Miss P Robson (7) 82

4-6 Uron V, 2-1 Farmer's Cross, 10-1 Trap Dancer, 12-1 Coqui Lane, 20-1 Off The Bru.

4.00 AYRSHIRE HUNTERS CHALLENGE CUP
(Novices chase: £1,368: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 3/2- BERVIE HOUSE 510 K Reveley 7-11-10 S Swiers —
2 0-PP BRAVE STAR 20P Mrs B Butterworth 9-11-10 Miss Sue Nichol (7) —
3 0P2- CANISTER CASTLE 307P Miss Z Green 7-11-10 R Shiels (5) —
4 0-54 CLONONY CASTLE 10 (B) Miss U McGuinness 9-11-10 C Bonner (5) 98
5 3P-5 MONAUGHTY MAN 10 E Caine 9-11-10 K Green (7) ●
6 P00- ORANGE RAGUSA 20P (F,S) S Shirley-Beavan 9-11-10 D Mactaggart (5) —
7 0/2F QUALITAIR SON 13P A Robson 7-11-10 A Parker (7) —

Evens Bervie House, 13-8 Orange Ragusa, 5-1 Monaughty Man, 12-1 Clonony Castle, 16-1 others.

4.30 DOON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,724: 2m) (11)

1 1212 NOYAN 55 (CD,BF,F,G) L Lungo 5-12-0 T Reed 98
2 032- WILLIE SPARKLE 400 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-11 R Murphy (7) 90
3 3042 BEND SABLE 14 (CD,F,S) F Storey 5-11-9 B Storey ●
4 1214 OAT COUTURE 20 (S) L Lungo 7-11-3 F Perratt (5) 93
5 2160 FOX SPARROW 11F (D,S) N Tinkler 5-10-13 A S Smith 85
6 -800 WEE WIZARD 9 (CD,F,G,S) M Barnes 6-10-11 P Waggott (5) 89
7 5542 MONTRAVE 20 (C,G) P Monteith 6-10-10 A Dobbin 90
8 -260 DEVILRY 41 (CD,S) G Moore 5-10-6 J Callaghan 94
9 3523 CHEEKY POT 11 (V,D,F,S) Denys Smith 7-10-0 D Ryan (7) 90
10 066P FANTASTICAL 9 (D,G) J J O'Neill 7-10-0 R McGrath (7) 87
11 65PP HAMANAKA 27 (D,S) J Love 6-10-0 Mr D Parker (5) 84

3-1 Noyan, 7-2 Bend Sable, 4-1 Oat Couture, 6-1 Montrave, 8-1 Devilry, 10-1 Willie Sparkle, Wee Wizard, 16-1 others.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER
1.40 Blustery Fellow. 2.10 Bud's Bet. 2.45 Life Of A King. 3.15 Golden Hello. 3.50 Temple Garth. 4.20 Oatis Regrets. 4.50 Twice A Night.
Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.10 **LAMBSON** (nap). 3.50 Mr Taylor.
Brian Beel: 2.45 Life Of A King.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES) SIS

1.40 WADDINGTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,735: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 22-2 BLUSTERY FELLOW 113 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 10-12-0 T Jenks
2 -P60 BALLY PARSON 28 (G) R Dickin 9-11-4 D Meredith
3 1330 RUSTIC GENT 60 (V,F,S) Mrs L Jewell 7-10-13 P McLoughlin
4 U4FP CALDECOTT 84 (G) Mrs S Smith 9-10-9 R Wilkinson (5)
5 443U HEATHVIEW 11 (C,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-4 F Leahy
6 5603 RUPPLES 8 (CD,F,G) M Chapman 8-10-2 T Eley

5-4 Blustery Fellow, 7-2 Rustic Gent, 6-1 Bally Parson, Heathview, 8-1 others.

2.10 CRANWELL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,160: 2m 1f 110yd) (21)

1 1/ KING OPTIMIST 906 (D,F) A Smith 6-11-10 S Turner
2 0520 NORTHERN NATION 30 (G) W Clay 7-11-9 Diane Clay
3 P-2F BUD'S BET 7F (BF,F) W Haigh 7-11-9 D Byrne
4 2044 KALKO 48 (G,S) A Harrison 6-11-6 J Osborne
5 PF5P DIBLOOM 51 (S) R Simpson 7-11-4 Miss P Jones
6 0130 SCOFFERA 28F (G) N Tinkler 5-11-2 E Husband (5)
7 P10- ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 402 (CD,S) B McMahon 6-10-12 G Robertson (7)
8 0400 PEAK DISTRICT 15 (G,S) I Jones 9-10-10 Miss E J Jones (7)
9 6/8 LAMBSON 21 (G) J Pearce 6-10-9 J McLaughlin
10 543- TRENDY AUCTIONEER 480 (V) Mrs L Jewell 7-10-8 A Maguire
11 /P6 VIENNA WOODS 36 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-7 E Callaghan (7)
12 1FP0 STEADFAST ELITE 96 (CD,G) J J O'Neill 4-10-7 A Roche (3)
13 1040 SIDE BAR 22F (B,CD,BF,G) M Ryan 5-10-6 J Ryan
14 0RP0 NEGATORY 38 (CD,F,G,S) M Chapman 8-10-2 W Worthington
15 6002 WATER DIVINER 21 (F) K Wingrove 5-10-2 Pat Thompson
16 P006 SPANISH WHISPER 79 (G,S) J Bostock 8-10-0 J Supple (5)
17 8-20 EASY RHYTHM 20 B Temple 8-10-0 L Wyer
18 0085 GARDA'S GOLD 59 (B,S) R Dickin 12-10-0 D Meredith (3)
19 -00P GUNNER BE GOOD 80 J Cresswell 5-10-0 T Eley (3)
20 5-00 TOUGH DEAL 48 P Bradley 7-10-0 S Wynne (3)
21 05/ PREMIER LADY 866 H Sawyer 8-10-0 S Curran (3)

6-1 Bud's Bet, 13-2 Kalko, 7-1 Scoffera, 8-1 Lambson, Water Diviner, 10-1 others.

2.45 TIMES RISING STARS BEAUMONTCOTE HUNTERS CHASE (Qualifier: £1,926: 3m 1f) (3)

1 PP-P LIFE OF A KING 47P (S) Miss C Saunders 7-11-12 J Greenall
2 -331 POLITICO POT 20P (S) C Peckitt 8-11-12 S Brisby (7)
3 -421 TATTLEJACK 27P (S) J Evetts 7-11-12 E Walker (7)

Evens Life Of A King, 5-4 Tattlejack, 9-2 Politico Pot.

3.15 NORMAN PEARMAN/PARK SOCIAL CLUB JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,218: 2m 1f 110yd) (16)

1 P11 RIVER JUNCTION 92 (G) D Nicholson 11-12 R Massey (5)
2 6142 FAIR AND FANCY 19 (G) Miss M Milligan 11-7 Richard Guest
3 2123 GOLDEN HELLO 13 (BF,G) M H Easterby 11-7 L Wyer
4 0 ALCOVE 55 G Johnson Houghton 11-2 P Niven
5 0 CALVARO 105 A Jarvis 11-2 G Crone (7)
6 63 HUNTERS' HEAVEN 38 J Mackie 11-2 R Supple
7 MAMNOON 237F W Clay 11-2 Diane Clay
8 56 MARSHALL NEY 69 N Twiston-Davies 11-2 T Jenks
9 P350 MERRYHILL GOLD 83 J Curtis 11-2 L O'Hara
10 3F6R RYAN GIGGS 13 A Jarvis 11-2 P Morris (7)
11 0 SALUTATION 91 T Kersey 11-2 Susan Kersey
12 0 SENSO 30 J Wainwright 11-2 P Midgley (5)
13 CYPRUS POINT 49F S Campion 10-11 J R Kavanagh
14 0 HUTCEL BELL 13 M W Easterby 10-11 R Garritty
15 00 MISS THE POST 15 D Nicholson 10-11 A Maguire
16 U RUMI 31 C Egerton 10-11 J Osborne

2-1 River Junction, 3-1 Golden Hello, 7-1 Fair And Fancy, 10-1 Hunters' Heaven, 12-1 Ryan Giggs, 14-1 Rumi, 16-1 Mamnoon, 20-1 others.

3.50 EVENING TELEGRAPH AND MACMILLAN APPEAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,355: 2m 5f) (14)

1 2521 DIWALI DANCER 13 (G,S) A Bailey 5-11-10 T Kent
2 5312 TEMPLE GARTH 20 (D,B,S) P Beaumont 6-11-10 B Grattan (7)
3 -06P ICARUS 6 (B,C,F,G) D Brown 9-11-9 B Harding (5)
4 3F22 FURIETTO 14 D Nicholson 5-11-6 A Maguire
5 1160 MEMORABLE 20 (D,G,S) J Hetherton 4-11-3 D Byrne
6 2-05 CREEAGER 50 (B,S) J Wharton 13-11-2 B Dalton
7 0435 WHITE DIAMOND 11 (F,S) Mrs A Swinbank 7-10-3 J Railton
8 00-5 MR TAYLOR 120 (D,F,S) H Collingridge 10-10-3 Richard Guest
9 0P20 MANWELL 20 (D,S) B Temple 8-10-1 L Wyer
10 -P5P NEW CHARGES 27 (G) P Beaumont 8-10-0 C Hawkins
11 P662 SHELTON ABBEY 85 (B,F,G,S) J Wade 9-10-0 K Jones
12 -U04 MRS MONEYPENNY 69 M Wilkinson 6-10-0 J F Titley
13 3660 QUICK DECISION 46 J Cresswell 4-10-0 W McFarland
14 -60P POLLERTON'S PRIDE 51 (G,S) W Clay 8-10-0 Diane Clay

7-2 Furietto, 4-1 Diwali Dancer, 9-2 Temple Garth, 10-1 Mr Taylor, Memorable, Shelton Abbey, 12-1 others.

4.20 ERIC AND LUCY PAPWORTH NOVICES CHASE (£3,730: 2m 4f) (9)

1 1F3P OATIS REGRETS 30 (S) Miss H Knight 7-11-3 J Osborne
2 6133 SAILOR JIM 84 (D,BF,F,S) P Dalton 8-11-3 A Maguire
3 3-30 DALUSMAN 30 T Carr 7-10-10 Richard Guest
4 30/P EJAY HAITCH 20 S Harris 10-10-10 T Eley (3)
5 P LORD VICK 51 Miss A Embiricos 6-10-10 J R Kavanagh
6 032P MASTER'S CROWN 51 (S) M Chapman 7-10-10 W Worthington
7 0-P0 MR DRUMMOND 57 A Jarvis 6-10-10 A Jones
8 0F0F TUDOR FELLOW 36 J Wade 6-10-10 K Jones
9 P/P- SEDGE WARBLER 495 Mrs P Robeson 8-10-5 M Richards

5-4 Oatis Regrets, 7-4 Sailor Jim, 7-1 Master's Crown, Dalusman, 12-1 others.

4.50 TOFT NEWTON OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,298: 1m 5f 110yd) (20)

1 BODFARI PRODUCER J Edwards 5-11-2 J Osborne
2 5 EQUINIMITY 30 A Jarvis 6-11-2 P Morris (7)
3 00 GLANFORD FOLLY 4 J Thorpe 5-11-2 Annette Billany (7)
4 00 GUINDA 13 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-2 T Jenks
5 0 OLD BETSY 6 Mrs S Smith 5-11-2 Richard Guest
6 OVER YONDER J Edwards 5-11-2 Mr M Daly (7)
7 00 POPPY ROYAL 91 T Kersey 5-11-2 Susan Kersey
8 0 SECOND FIDDLE 20 D Brennan 5-11-2 S O'Donnell (7)
9 SPRINGFIELD MISS C Pinney 5-11-2 Mrs F Needham
10 0 TWICE A NIGHT 13 D Nicholson 6-11-2 R Massey (5)
11 P WHITE KNOWLE 71 P Dalton 5-11-2 T Eley (3)
12 5 AMONG ISLANDS 13 Mrs M Reveley 4-10-8 P Niven
13 ANABRANCH J Jefferson 4-10-8 M Newton (7)
14 5 CRIMSON BROCADE 38 C Fairhurst 4-10-8 J Gracey (7)
15 0 DOMINION BELLE 55 R Simpson 4-10-8 A Maguire
16 JUST FROLIC C Jones 4-10-8 G Upton
17 0 NOON RIDGE 48 Mrs K Tutty 4-10-8 Mr N Tutty
18 0 ROUFONTAINE 29 W Muir 4-10-8 M Richards
19 00 RUBADUB 17 J Bradley 4-10-8 Guy Lewis (5)
20 0 SAGE ROSE 13 Mrs M Stirk 4-10-8 Mark Roberts (7)

5-2 Guinda, 3-1 Among Islands, 5-1 Over Yonder, 6-1 Twice A Night, 8-1 Equinimity, 14-1 Bodfari Producer, 16-1 others.

Modest manager builds Anfield revival on return to traditional values

Evans leads charge by gentle art of persuasion

David Miller on the career of the former apprentice who has taken Liverpool to the brink of fresh glory

MALCOLM CROFT

Evans graduated from the Anfield boot-room before taking over after Liverpool's decline under Souness

In this season of sleaze, Roy Evans is one of those who helps to maintain people's faith in the future health of football. With that buoyant quality which Richard Attenborough brought to early post-war films as your characteristic British tommy, Evans makes anyone feel today is going to be a good day.

Especially for Liverpool football club. The manner in which he has turned the club round in 14 months, to the point where they are in the Coca-Cola Cup final, the FA Cup quarter-finals, against Tottenham Hotspur tomorrow, and handsomely placed in the league, is remarkable. At the start of last year, this most successful of English clubs had become a ragged army in retreat.

The transformation, from the debris of morale left behind by Graeme Souness, is the more exceptional given Evans's outwardly undemonstrative nature. "You don't seem to hear him, even to notice him, and that's part of his strength," one of Anfield's oldest hands observed.

Yet behind that slight, almost permanent Mona Lisa smile — here is a renowned former dressing-room practical joker — lies a camouflaged degree of will-power. After a pre-season dispute concerning a friendly against Bolton Wanderers, Mark Wright and Julian Dicks were abruptly left behind when the squad went on tour to Germany and Norway.

It has been psychology more than discipline, however, that has restored the Anfield touch, has made Liverpool once more a team built upon passing the ball. Evans, 46, inherited a team for whom the game was no longer fun. "I knew we had to build up a bit of enjoyment," he said, making it sound no more serious than giving the gates a fresh coat of scarlet. In fact it went deeper: a traditionally happy club had become despondent.

It is an irony that the club which for 30 years has played the most consistently cerebral football in England should have been involved in the two worst modern crowd disasters. What Evans recognised, when succeeding Souness in January last year, was a squad which had become frightened of making mistakes ... and consequently made more of them. In consecutive seasons they had, uncharacteristically, lost in the FA Cup to Bolton and then to Bristol City.

Few know better than Evans the chemistry of Anfield's past greatness. He arrived as an apprentice from Bootle in 1964, a versatile England schoolboy international able to play centre half or centre forward, in the year the tidal wave of triumph began: league champions for the first of 13 times in 25 seasons, and FA Cup-winners the next spring, when he travelled to Wembley, agog, to see Liverpool beat Leeds United.

> 'He knows the right blend of stick and carrot'

Ten years later, having never made it as a first-team regular and Bob Paisley having succeeded Bill Shankly as manager, Paisley asked him to take charge of the reserves. "I turned it down, two or three times," Evans recalled. Finally, his close friend Tommy Smith persuaded him to "give it a go". The experience, when still only 25, prepared him for later replacing Souness.

"The reserves were a mixture of youngsters coming up, such as Sammy Lee, and older players finding their way," he reflected. Ray Kennedy and Terry McDermott were, in true Liverpool fashion, being schooled for the first team, having been bought from Arsenal and Newcastle United. Evans learned the need for temperament dexterity, the right blend of stick and carrot for men of varying ages.

When the door finally closed on Souness, Evans knew that the problem was more a matter of temperament than technique. "Graeme expected, and demanded, so much of himself and the players," Evans said. "He was desperate for the club to win ... but apart from winning the FA Cup [in 1992], we never got past the first hurdle."

Evans, as assistant manager, and others tried to tell Souness to ease off in the attempt to rebuild a team that had become too old under Kenny Dalglish, the situation worsened by Souness's ill-judged transfers. Then, suddenly, Evans found himself at the helm. For a while, assessing the situation, he let things free-wheel.

The first significant change came on the end-of-season tour of South Africa with Aston Villa. John Barnes was made captain, and switched to a central midfield role. And he flourished. Meeting Nelson Mandela, discovering a late maturity within himself, Barnes began to refashion the way the others played. With Neil Ruddock's irreverence, the clouds began to lift.

The development continued on the tough pre-season tour of Germany and a meeting with the Norwegian national team (replacing the customary Scandinavian jolly). Steve McManaman, one of the younger players who had stalled with Souness, was given a free role either side of the midfield trio. And now came the three centre backs.

"We'd given away too many goals, and needed strength at the back," Evans said. "We'd tried three centre backs, but in a line of five, not just three." Soon after the start of the season, they were able to buy John Scales and Phil Babb inside 24 hours: the formula was falling in to place.

"I feel we now have a flexible system, a load of [tactical] options," Evans said. He is showing patience towards the youthful inconsistency of Robbie Fowler, not browbeating him into becoming a team player at the expense of his marvellous individual flair.

Tomorrow comes, in effect, the match of the season so far, at home to Tottenham, with record gate receipts. Evans is concerned about how his men will cope with the elusive midfield runs of Nick Barmby, but "I don't believe the Cup has Tottenham's name on it — or that it will be an entirely attacking game". The quiet man of Anfield has his plans.

South Koreans set out stall for World Cup

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IF EVER one wonders why Britain is no longer considered a playground for an Olympic Games or a World Cup, perhaps the answer lies in political commitment and in the calibre of men dispatched to win the games.

Little more than a week ago, nominations closed for the 2002 World Cup. Two bidders remain — Japan and South Korea. Their contest to host the first World Cup in Asia will be ferocious, engaging all the might of that continent's two leading industrialist nations.

Japan is favourite, not least because it is the home of some of the principal sponsors of Fifa, the world governing body. Yet South Korea proved, in winning and staging the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, that it can mount the infrastructure, communications and organisation for a world event.

With 2002 in mind, South Korea has already begun touring the world, led by their head of state, President Kim Young Sam, who said in London yesterday: "The Olympic Games was big for our country, but our people are so much more excited by the prospect of 2002. In the last World Cup, when we played Germany [losing 3-2], two thirds of the whole of Korea — businessmen, Koreans from every walk of life — stayed awake through the night to cheer the event. We would make money from a World Cup, but it is not so much important to the economy of South Korea as to the well-being of the people."

Yet even the head of state, a leader of football in his high school days, is not the central figure in bidding for the World Cup. That is Dr Mong Joon Chung, who has already visited the Football Association at Lancaster Gate on his tour of 20 countries where executive committee votes lie.

Chung is far from a lightweight, either in intellectual or commercial terms. He is in his second session as a member of the Korean National Assembly, having left the defence committee for the role as leader of sports and culture. Moreover, Chung inherited Hyundai, one of the world's largest heavy-industry conglomerates, from his father, who founded it. He is also a lieutenant in the army, a professor in business studies and recently became a Fifa vice-president.

"I feel that trying to win the World Cup is my destiny, it is in my blood," he said. "Already I think of football 24 hours a day. I will spend 99 per cent of my time over the next year travelling. I will try to bring every member who has a vote to Korea, because seeing is believing."

He agrees that the history of Japan and Korea is bound to make this contest one of tension, but observes: "I hope we can keep it friendly. I don't want it to be life and death. We are, after all, talking of a sporting competition."

Beware the smile of the tiger. Within minutes of that assertion, Chung is speaking of Fifa's slogan, "Fair Play", and observing that, if there is fair play, the footballing history of his nation is so far ahead of Japan as to be out of sight.

The J-League of Japan is an infant compared to the Korean League, formed more than a decade ago. In World Cup terms, Chung passively points out that Korea (including the North Koreans who played in England in 1966) have qualified for five World Cup tournaments. The Japanese? "They, of course, have never qualified."

Such a friendly contest. At Fifa House in Zurich, Dr Chung is, for some reason, described as a hard man. He comes from a harsh background, but he aspires to high ideals.

"Fifa can make a decision that would be a catalyst for the peace-making process of the Korean peninsula," he continued. "There are 1.7 million young soldiers confronting one another alongside the demarcation line. Can you imagine it? I feel that president Havelange, the Fifa president, is considering very seriously that aspect."

Chung is adamant that Fifa need not consider that Korea would generate a lesser financial package than Japan, nor that its 16 stadiums, scheduled for rebuilding or refurbishment amounting to $750 million, would suffer by comparison.

"If Fifa grants 2002 to Korea, it would be a torch of hope for many developing countries," Chung said. "For, remember, we were a devastated nation when the Korean War ended in 1953. We have built ourselves out of desperation to compete economically on a global scale."

Chung also recalls 1954. That year, Korea faced Japan in the qualifying rounds of the World Cup. Then, as now, everything favoured Japan. Because the Japanese were refused visas to enter Korea, both legs had to be played in Tokyo. Korea qualified; the Japanese, as Dr Chung repeats, have yet to do so.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer South **Love all**

♠Q83
♥Q4
♦Q85
♣AK873

♠106
♥K986
♦AK643
♣J2

N W E S

♠K9742
♥10753
♦1097
♣10

♠AJ5
♥AJ2
♦J2
♣Q9654

Contract: 3NT by South. Lead: Four of diamonds

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

South opened 1NT and North bid 3NT. When this hand occurred in a duplicate pairs it was played in three different ways.

The first player won the diamond lead and cashed all his clubs, ending in the dummy. West had discarded three hearts while East discarded two spades, a diamond and a heart. This persuaded declarer to take the heart finesse. He felt he was rather unlucky when it lost.

The second player did better. He cashed just three rounds of clubs, ending in the dummy, and then tried the queen of hearts. When East did not cover, (remember Zia's BOLS tip, if they don't cover they can't cover) he overtook with the ace, crossed back to a club and took the spade finesse. He was rather pleased with himself when his line of play succeeded.

The third player cashed just two rounds of clubs and exited with a diamond. As West had led the three of diamonds and only the two was missing he could tell that the suit did not break worse than 5-3.

Declarer simply sat back and waited for West to cash his winners, after which he was obliged to present declarer with his ninth trick whichever major he led.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PELMENY
a. A Diophantine equation
b. A game with straws
c. Russian ravioli

RAMSHANDRY
a. DIY carpentry
b. Thoughtless
c. Having several husbands at once

QIVIUT
a. An ice coracle
b. Underwool
c. Roman sentry's challenge

PATIKI
a. Thai meat on skewers
b. A New Guinea pidgin
c. A flat-fish

Answers on page 41

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Linares race

The international tournament in Linares, Spain has opened up after early leader, Bulgarian grandmaster Veselin Topalov, was defeated in round six by Ukranian Grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk.

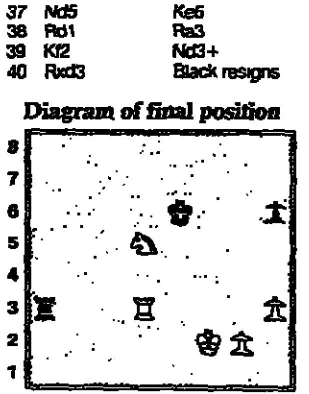
The lead is now held by Alexander Beliavsky (also Ukraine) who has 4.5 points out of 6. Sharing second position with 4 points are Karpov, Ivanchuk, Topalov and Khalifman.

White: Vassily Ivanchuk
Black: Veselin Topalov
Linares, March 1995

King's Indian Defence

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nc3	g6
3	e4	d6
4	d4	Bg7
5	Nf3	0-0
6	Be2	e5
7	Be3	h6
8	0-0	Ng4
9	Bc1	Na6
10	Rb1	f5
11	dxe5	Nxe5
12	Nxe5	dxe5
13	b4	c6
14	b5	cxb5
15	Nxb5	Be6
16	Ba3	Qxd1
17	Rbxd1	Rfd8
18	Rxd8+	Rxd8
19	Nxa7	Bf8
20	Bxf8	Kxf8
21	exf5	gxf5
22	Rb2	Nc5
23	f3	Na4
24	Rc2	f4
25	Kf1	Bf5
26	Rc1	Rd2
27	c5	e4
28	c6	bxc6
29	Nxc6	exf3
30	Bxf3	Rxa2
31	Nd4	Bd7
32	Bc6	Nb6
33	Bxd7	Nxd7
34	Ne6+	Kf7
35	Nxf4	Ne5
36	h3	Ra4
37	Nd5	Ke6
38	Rd1	Ra3
39	Kf2	Nd3+
40	Rxd3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Correction

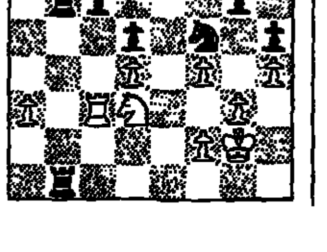
In yesterday's report of the charity simultaneous exhibition at the Royal Automobile Club Grandmaster Michael Stean's name was omitted from those who scored 37.5 points. In yesterday's Winning Move after 1 Kf1 Black should play 1 ... cxd6 not 1 ... dxc6.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Vukic - Gavric, Serbia 1993. White pieces are 'in round the back' and he has strong threats against the Black king. However, it is Black to play and he has threats of his own. What did he play?

Solution: page 41



Rioch plans league and cup double

BY PETER BALL

FOR most Endsleigh Insurance League sides, reaching a leading Wembley cup final is a football pipedream. For Bolton Wanderers, it is a means to an end.

"It keeps the momentum going — we've still got a good season ahead of us now," Bruce Rioch, the Bolton manager, said after his team's remarkable recovery at Burnden Park on Wednesday night, when they overturned Swindon Town's two-goal advantage in the final half-hour to reach the Coca-Cola Cup final for the first time.

Bolton do not have long to savour that triumph, for tomorrow they have a vital league match with Middlesbrough, one of their main rivals for the automatic promotion place from the first division this season. Until the game on Wednesday, Rioch had been insisting that the cup could not be allowed to interfere with the pursuit of the main target, promotion to the FA Carling Premiership.

Now he is prepared to relax that dictum. "Both are priorities," he said. "We can put one aside for a period while we concentrate on the other. If we had gone out of the cup, it would have been a really huge effort to pick the players up again. We have got to get their minds focused on Middlesbrough now, but we don't have to lift them."

With a significant proportion of Merseysiders in the team, Bolton's first visit to Wembley for a cup final of note for 37 years is looming large in the players' minds. "It's great for me to play Liverpool at Wembley, because when I've been to Wembley before, it has been to watch Liverpool." Jason McAteer, whose goal began Bolton's recovery, said. "Three years ago I was playing in Marine reserves. Now I've been to the World Cup and reached a Wembley final inside a year."

Rioch: two priorities

Liverpool were the first of Bolton's notable cup scalps in the past three seasons, but Rioch has no illusions about the task ahead. "I'm pleased for Roy Evans," he said. "He has turned the club around. When we played them before, the morale was probably at its lowest. Now there appears to be a tremendous spirit."

Spirit is evident at Bolton, too, personified by the barrel-chested Paatelainen, who levelled the score on aggregate with a coruscating shot before McGinlay's winner. Liverpool may be better equipped this time, but the only certainty is that the Coca-Cola Cup, like the Premiership title, is destined for Lancashire.

Swindon's defeat leaves Steve McMahon, their player-manager, having to decide whether to sell Jan Aage Fjortoft, their outstanding asset, in order to finance their battle against relegation in successive years. "It's a decision for the club," Fjortoft said. "I'm happy at Swindon, but I want to play in the Premier League, and I would not play in the second division. I'd sooner retire."

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm)		Conditions			Weather (5pm)		
	L	U	Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort		°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	60	120	good	heavy	good	fine	-4	8/3
(Very good skiing with soft snow on hard base)								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	40	160	good	varied	fair	fair	6	8/3
(All pistes excellent, ski safari in great condition)								
Obergurgl	60	145	good	varied	good	fine	-4	8/3
(Brilliant skiing in full sunshine, no queues)								
Schladming	40	130	good	varied	fair	fair	8	9/3
(Excellent above 1,200m, heavy below due to mild air)								
FRANCE								
Alpe D'huez	245	460	good	powder	good	fine	2	8/3
(Vintage powder skiing)								
Courchevel	215	370	good	varied	good	fair	-3	9/3
(Pistes in perfect condition, great skiing)								
Tignes	235	300	good	powder	good	fine	-8	9/3
(Glorious skiing, sunny skies, some queueing)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	120	400	good	varied	good	sun	-2	8/3
(Excellent skiing conditions)								
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	190	420	good	varied	good	fine	6	9/3
(Excellent piste skiing, very few skiers about)								
Grindelwald	40	195	good	varied	worn	fine	1	9/3
(Excellent skiing on all but lowest pistes)								
Klosters	70	190	good	varied	good	cloud	1	9/3
(Good skiing throughout area, all runs complete)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Wincanton

Going: soft with heavy patches

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, Midnight Hour (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 2, Dino Malta (10-1); 3, Tomoin (9-4 fav). 18 ran. NR: Kilmington 2l, 1l. M Pipe. Tote: £5.70; £2.20, £2.80, £1.40. DF £36.50. Trio, £24.50. CSF £67.76.

2.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Truth Be Told (P Hide, 8-1); 2, Texan Baby (11-4); 3, Landsker Missile (2-1 fav). 10 ran. Nk, ¾l. J Gifford. Tote: £12.30; £2.70, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £19.30. Trio: £11.50. CSF: £29.31.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Jurz (W McFarland, 20-1); 2, Nemuro (9-2); 3, Ground Nut (14-1). Soothfast 3-1 fav. 12 ran. 4l, 9l. R Hodges. Tote: £32.30; £6.90, £1.40, £3.00. DF £76.80. Trio: £265.90. CSF: £100.84. Tricast: £1,205.32.

3.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Manebuck (E Murphy, 15-2); 2, Rough Quest (9-4); 3, Sunley Bay (7-2). Mr Flanegan 11-8 fav. 5 ran. ¾l, dist. Lady Hemes. Tote: £6.60; £2.80, £2.00. DF: £11.50. CSF: £22.72.

4.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Mr Murdock (Mr P Henley, 5-6 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Sonofagipsy (9-2); 3, Upham Close (12-1). 14 ran. 4l, 1½l. H Wellstead. Tote: £1.90; £1.60, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £3.60. Trio: £15.20. CSF: £5.15.

4.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Prince Teeton (B Powell, 9-2); 2, Orswell Lad (6-1); 3, St Ville (20-1). Warfield 5-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Amtiefied. 7l, 1½l. R Buckler. Tote: £6.40; £1.60, £2.60, £5.40. DF: £33.50. Trio: £273.30. CSF: £32.03. Tricast: £467.94.

5.00 (2m hdle) 1, Summerhill Special (P Holley, 11-1); 2, Tread The Boards (10-11 fav); 3, Abavard (16-1). 17 ran. NR: Il Bambino. 12l, 5l. Mrs P Dutfield. Tote: £12.90; £3.40, £1.50, £3.80. DF: £13.00. Trio: £27.20. CSF: £20.94.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,981.48 carried forward to Sandown today).

Placepot: £184.80. Quadpot: not won (pool of £111.48 carried forward to Sandown today).

Towcester

Going: heavy

2.20 (3m hdle) 1, Holy Sting (T Jenks, 6-1); 2, Same Difference (7-2 fav); 3, Titan Empress (4-1). 10 ran. 4l, 9l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £5.30; £1.70, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £13.20. Trio: £12.70. CSF: £25.52. Tricast: £84.57.

2.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Time Enough (Mr E James, 9-4); 2, Fogoberg (9-4); 3, Nomadic Fire (11-1). Alamo Scout 2-1 fav. 6 ran. 9l, 3l. C Brooks. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £7.60. DF: £8.00. CSF: £7.78.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Mariner's Air (N Williamson, Evens fav); 2, Musical Monarch (5-1); 3, For Chapel (11-4). 4 ran. NR: Namaste. 12l, 10l. J Spearing. Tote: £1.70. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.67.

3.50 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Tartan Moss (Peter Hobbs, 7-4 fav); 2, Cailin Glas (8-1); 3, Poppea (11-4). 7 ran. 4l, 4l. P Hobbs. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £4.50. DF: £15.40. CSF: £15.69.

4.20 (3m 1f ch) 1, Tort (N Williamson, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Nicklup (4-1); 3, Valeda II (5-1). Sunbeam Talbot 5-2 jt-fav. 6 ran. NR: Woodlands Boy. 1½l, 1½l. P Dalton. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £2.20. DF: £8.10. CSF: £11.97.

4.50 (3m 1f ch) 1, Sunny Mount (Mr J Greenall, 10-11 fav); 2, Espy (6-4); 3, Robin Of Sherwood (7-2). 3 ran. NR: Nick The Brief. 1½l, dist. Miss C Saunders. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.64.

Placepot: £57.40. Quadpot: £12.90.

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Wales summon Gibbs to their ranks

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Gwent constabulary's line to the Wales rugby union selectors remains strong. While one member of the force, Derwyn Jones, has lost his place in the XV to play Ireland in Cardiff on March 18, another reaches out for his first cap — Andrew Gibbs.

Three changes have been made for the wooden-spoon encounter on the final weekend of the five nations' championship: Gibbs, the Newbridge flanker, replaces Hemi Taylor to complete a trio of policemen in the back row; Anthony Clement has recovered from concussion and reclaims his place at full back from Matthew Back, and Jones, the biggest man to play for Wales, gives way to the experienced Phil Davies.

The elevation of Gibbs, who will be 23 two days after the international, is a monument to persistence. It is also an honour for one of the Gwent valley clubs that has fought valiantly to remain in the first division of Welsh club rugby.

A contemporary of Scott Quinnell in the Welsh youth team, Gibbs's ability was recognised early only to be blighted in 1991-92 by reactive arthritis, which affected the right side of his body.

"It weakened my joints so much that I broke my ankle diving into a swimming pool when Newbridge were touring in Cyprus in 1992, and it took something between nine months and a year to throw it off," Gibbs said yesterday. During the prescribed steroid treatment, his weight, which had gone down to 13½ stone, increased by four stone.

Having recovered his fitness, Gibbs, who has yet to lose in a representative jersey, left his job as a mechanical fitter to join the police, and he now patrols one of the Newport estates while the deposed Jones marches his 6ft 10in frame about the town centre. Having been hailed as one of the finds of the season, Jones now concedes his place to the need not only for pace but also for passion in the forwards.

"We felt it was very important to get our forward platform right, particularly against Ireland, who are a very aggressive side in the loose," Alan Davies, the Wales coach, said. During the course of this season he has lost his first-choice props, Ricky Evans and John Davies, both of whom were used as runners with the ball in a way that their successors, Mike Griffiths and the youngster, Spencer John, were not.

Hence the need for Davies who, with 45 appearances, is Wales's most-capped forward. "Derwyn was selected to win set-piece possession as part of a pack which had very aggressive ball-carriers in the front row," Alan Davies said. "We need to get back some of the shape we had then."

Indeed, the management wrestled for several hours over selection after their disappointing 26-13 defeat by Scotland last Saturday, during which they surrendered, at the minimum, 25 pieces of possession. "It was clear that we need a far more aggressive and unified performance in the loose," the coach added, which reflects also the inability of the entire back row to support adequately the breaks made by Robert Jones and Neil Jenkins, the half backs.

In many respects Jenkins, the subject of some bitter personal criticism and whose name has been recently linked with Wigan rugby league club, had his most distinctive game for Wales last Saturday, but the Scottish defence was too easily able to cut him off from his threequarters. Wales remain largely content with the back division, albeit allowing for Clement's return after his recovery from the blow on the head that he received against England last month.

Robert Norster, the Wales manager, admitted that the team was chosen with the short-term objective in mind of beating Ireland and so creating a better frame of mind before the World Cup. "Everyone is aware of the disruption which has brought about this lack of continuity in our performances," he said.

WALES TEAM

A Clement (Swansea), I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), M R Hall (Cardiff), N G Davies (Llanelli), W T Proctor (Llanelli), N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R N Jones (Swansea), M Griffiths (Cardiff), G R Jenkins (Swansea), S C John (Llanelli), A Gibbs (Newbridge), P T Davies (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), R G Collins (Pontypridd), E W Lewis (Cardiff). Replacements: M Back (Bridgend), R H St J B Moon (Llanelli), H T Taylor (Cardiff), D Jones (Cardiff), H Williams-Jones (Llanelli), R C McBryde (Llanelli).

Empty feeling persists after double helping

It took me the best part of an hour to realise what was missing. I had found my way across the River Thames, tacked to the east, passed New Cross, did a right at Lewisham and when Catford Bridge station loomed up just as it said it would on my map, there, hard by this outpost of our suburban railway network, was the Lewisham Theatre.

The previous show had been John Inman in *The Goode Olde Days*. The Barron Knights, Greg Proops, Doris Collins — world famous clairvoyant and healer — and the Chippendales (sold out) were due ... but tonight at 8pm it was Tommy Docherty and Malcolm Allison: "*The Doc and Big Mal* — a frank, outspoken evening crammed full of the stories they could not tell on TV."

Not long after 8pm in a theatre that seats 850 and was more than three-quarters full (95 per cent male, average age early 30s) the two men walked onto a stage which was well lit, black draped, dressed with three chairs and an occasional table. They sat down. A charisma-bypass host sat between them, looked at us through his glasses.

Both men are in their 68th year: both played football with distinction, Doc with more distinction than Mal. Both went into coaching and management, Mal being particularly admired by players.

And both made as much news as did their clubs for they were of the extrovert, newsworthy, I-am-right-and-the-rest-are-wrong kind of managers. Mal used to wear fedora hats, smoke cigars and have glamorous ladies on his arm. Doc was a committed man — passionate about all that he did and especially passionate about what others should not be doing. Independent, innovative, with a less than entirely tidy private life.

What they had in common apart from being self-publicists of note was their proneness to fall out with their employers.

Doc, the player, went from Celtic to Preston to Arsenal to Blackpool; then had managerial experience at Chelsea, until an altercation with a referee in Bermuda; followed by Rotherham, whom he left for Queens Park Rangers, with whom he parted after a month because they blocked his signing of a player.

Then Aston Villa, sacked a week after receiving the board's vote of confidence; Oporto, big success that; and home to Hull City. Managed Scotland, managed Manchester United, where he had a long-lasting row with Denis Law and got the team relegated and got them back into the first division and won the FA Cup and was sacked for having an affair with the physiotherapist's wife.

Things look bad but he manages Derby County, resigns, returns to Queens Park Rangers and is sacked, reinstated, sacked again: back to Preston as manager, sacked, and after some coaching in Australia, comes to Wolverhampton Wanderers. Wolves are relegated. Docherty is unemployed, he joins Altrincham, falls out with the chairman, leaves and decides to concentrate on after-dinner speaking.

Allison played for Charlton and West Ham, then managed/coached Sutton United, Cambridge University, Toronto, Bath City, Plymouth Argyle ... where the Pilgrims' directors disapproved, or were jealous of, his lifestyle.

Then Manchester City, Crystal Palace, Galatasaray, Memphis Tennessee, back to Plymouth, back to Crystal Palace, back to Manchester City, Sporting Lisbon, Middlesbrough, Willington, return to Turkey, on to Kuwait then Vitoria Setubal, Fisher Athletic, Bristol Rovers.

They sit on the stage doing five-minute monologues. Doc talks of his youth in Glasgow, gales whistling through the spartan home at 100mph, blowing away the padlock from the gas meter — "Anyway, that was what my dad told the police".

Mal started as a photographic apprentice in London, went to the Cup Final as the photographer's mate when he was 15. Arsenal got a penalty after eight minutes and his man said: "Here boy, take that film back to the office quick." Mal stopped being a photographer's mate.

Doc: "Tony Hateley: now here was a player who lacked only one thing — ability."

Mal: "And the club chairman said to me: 'You haven't paid rent for 75 weeks. Why is that?' I told him I forgot."

FREUD ON FRIDAY

Doc: "I was having dinner with my chairman and he said: 'Your wife has just slipped and is under the table.' I said to him, 'No, my wife is the one who is just coming through the door.'"

Mal talks of early life in London, winning huge sums at the races thanks to knowing Geoff Lewis and Scobie Breasley.

As I said, there was one thing missing. Here we were being quietly entertained by two elderly men, one of whom was more entertaining than the other, had better stories.

What was missing was dinner — I was at an after-dinner speech occasion on an empty stomach. So at half-time (the second half was to be given over to questions by the audience) I went to eat at a local Chinese restaurant.

Had they gone into extra time at the theatre, I might have got a mention. About 25 years ago, playing at full back in a racehorse trainers versus owners football match, I initiated the tackle that ended the Doc's playing career. On that spring afternoon, before red cards were a feature of the game, the Doc made remarks to me that contained many words that could not be used on television.

IN BRIEF

Tribunal rejects appeal by Myers

DAVID MYERS, the Bradford Northern wing, has lost his appeal against a ban for the remainder of the season imposed by the Rugby Football League for deliberately running into a referee. The punishment was upheld at a tribunal hearing yesterday.

Myers and David Watson, another Bradford player, will attend separate hearings next Monday into allegations that they failed to provide samples for drug-testing after a home match with Hull on February 19.

☐ Ken Kellett, the former Featherstone Rovers wing, who won two Challenge Cup medals and one championship medal with the club, has died after a stroke, aged 41.

Narrow escape

Bowls: Lynda Jarman, champion nine years ago, made a fine recovery against Wendy Davies at Northampton yesterday to reach the semi-finals of the English women's national indoor singles, coming from 20-12 down to win 21-20.

Coach-in-charge

Swimming: The directors of swimming for England, Scotland and Wales have lost their struggle to have joint chief coaches, one for women, another for men, appointed to work with the British team for the European championships in Vienna in August. Bill Furniss, of Nottingham's Nova Centurion club, has been appointed head coach for the overall team.

Japan through

Yachting: *Nippon 95*, skippered by Makoto Namba, made the semi-final cut for the Louis Vuitton America's Cup challenge trials yesterday by disposing of the challenge of *Rioja de España*.

Court hearing

Rugby union: Johan le Roux, the South Africa prop, will appeal to a civil court in New Zealand on Tuesday to overturn a 19-month ban for biting the ear of Sean Fitzpatrick, the New Zealand captain.

BARRY GREENWOOD

DENISE MARSTON-SMITH, the Gordano School England international player, watches an attempt on goal by Lucy Smeaton as their team cruises to the British Aerospace national under-18 schools hockey title in Blackpool yesterday (Alix Ramsay writes). The Bristol school achieved their triumph without conceding a goal, relying heavily on the marksmanship of Marston-Smith, who scored six goals in their four matches.

Gordano were chased all the way to the final match by Bromsgrove School, who had also come through the tournament unbeaten until that point. But then they were defeated 2-0 by the all-powerful Gordano, one of those goals came from the industrious Marston-Smith.

The tournament was played in a round-robin format and the five finalists faced each other, having come through regional and territorial qualifying rounds. In the finals the gap between the top two schools and the chasing pack opened up as Gordano and Bromsgrove both hammered the best of the rest. Helena Romanes School, Essex, 3-0.

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Gordano School, 2, Bromsgrove School; 3, Helena Romanes School, Essex; 4, Wycombe HS, Buck, 5, Kirkham GS, Lancs.

Suburbia on ice no substitute for art

Simon Barnes finds an uplifting quickstep on an otherwise unoriginal day of original dance

Hard to find art in a quickstep. But the Russian pair, Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeny Platov, managed a little as they skated into first place after the original dance section of the ice dancing competition at the world skating championships in Birmingham yesterday.

Naturally it is she who attracts the attention, and not only that of the men. In an enormous frock the colour of a salmon mayonnaise, her air of unrestrained joyousness brings every eye and lens towards her.

But she is half of a pair. Her partner makes a huge, understated, histrionic contribution. Yesterday, he danced the *quickstep* like a man struck that day by the thunderbolt of love. He skated like a man who could not believe his own luck, the luck to be dancing with so lovely a woman, a woman who, in his own eyes, could not put a foot wrong.

Perhaps he is not even acting. Who is to say? It does not even matter except, presumably, to him. Last year, at the Olympic Games and elsewhere, Torvill and Dean danced a rumba as if sexually obsessed with each other; in real life, they had been halves of separate couples for years.

Art. It is particularly hard to find art in this discipline, that of the original dance, the *shorter part of the ice dancing* event. The point is that the original dance must be choreographed and skated closer to the sport's ballroom roots than the big number they skate tonight.

In fact, is it asking a bit much to find any art in this section at all? But we have been spoilt, of course, by Torvill and Dean. Their original dances included not only that up-and-at'em rumba, but also the famous bullfight dance, in which Christopher Dean used Jayne Torvill as a matador's cape.

The nature of the sport and of its presiding champions has changed since those heady days. And a return to the ballroom certainly implies a flight from art. The traditions of ballroom were elaborately maintained yesterday: the emphasis was on the safe, the quintessentially suburban.

But it was not the suburbia of today. If anything, the sport represents in frozen form the suburbia of the Fifties, perhaps a suburbia that never really existed outside the imaginations of such people as John Osborne, the "angry young" playwright and co-author of *Epitaph for George Dillon*. This is about an artist trapped in the world of the three-piece suite, the three ducks flying up the wall.

There is no reason why art should not come from such a world. Indeed, a demented kind of art did come, in this very sport, from Torvill, relentless seeker of excellence, and Dean, the Nijinsky of suburbia, the Diaghilev of the dinner-dance.

But ice dancing is competition, not straightforward performance. Artistic risk can alienate judges; competitors played safe yesterday. It is also important for couples to work close to the edge of their technical ability; not, I think, a recipe for assured performance art.

It is important to remember that the people out there are trying to win something. It is an odd business. Skating to music with a pretty woman or a handsome chap is not, by its nature, the most aggressive of activities.

But the urge for excellence, the urge for competition, dominates all. Each pair skate to show that they can do it better than somebody else; the Russian pair, to show that they can do it better than anybody else. Perhaps Torvill and Dean did it to show they could *do it better than anybody else*, ever. Who knows? But perhaps they were only consumed by the need to create pure art. Perhaps, but I doubt it.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Doncaster 107 (Fite 22, Bale 21, Jones 20) Sunderland 71 (Douglas 21, Nottage 19), Leicester 74 (Tresvant 24) Worthing 75 (Irish 31)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 99 Denver 88, New York 108 Boston 100; Orlando 114 LA Lakers 110; New Jersey 115 Philadelphia 108 (OT), Detroit 114 Washington 105, Seattle 118 Minnesota 104, Utah 114 Dallas 87; Golden State 120 LA Clippers 107.

BIATHLON

LAHTI, Finland: World Cup event: Men (20km) 1, L Gredler (Austria) 1hr 7min 8.8sec, 2, H Flandrin (Fr) 1 07 27.4, 3, W Pallhuber (It) 1.07 41.3; 4, S Fischer (Ger) 1.07 46 6, 5, H Leitgeb (It) 1 08 08.5 World Cup standings: 1, J A Tyldum (Nor) 180pts; 2, O E Bjoerndalen (Nor) 156; 3, P Favre (It) 136 Women (15km): 1, M Jasicova (Slovakia) 59min 15.7sec, 2, A Grasic (Slovenia) 59:35.2; 3, C Niogret (Fr) 59 40 9, 4, S Paramygina (Belo) 59 54 8; 5, V Claudel (Fr) 59:58.7. World Cup standings: 1, A Brand (Fr) 223, 2, U Disl (Ger) 220, 3, S Paramygina (Belo) 196

BOWLS

NORTHAMPTON: English women's indoor championships: Triples: Final: Cherwell (G Pepper, E Read and B Trafford) bt Darlington (A Anderson, M Whitton and M Shaw) 21-9. Unbadged pairs: Last 16: D Essex and D Wightman (Desborough, Maidenhead) bt A Mitchum and T Grundy (Roundwood) 20-10; P Oliver and N Poole (South Forest) bt M Ferns and R Ludar-Smith (Towerlands) 27-12, J Rees and I Body (Cammoggas) bt A Hill and D Easterby (Mote Park) 28-24; D Gibbons and C Clarke (Mansfield) bt B Smith and G Fitzgerald (Kettering) 22-21 M Birch and H Hayes (Selby) bt M Whitton and O Todd (Darlington) 27-9. Singles: Last 16: W Davies (Worthing) bt J Staples (Cambridge Park) 21-17, L Jarman (Cambridge Chesterton) bt J Thomas (Nottingham) 21-13, M Monkton (Ilminster) bt J Smith (Folkstone) 21-16, J Roylance (North Walsham) bt N Beales (Egham) 21-1, B Brown (Colchester) bt N Shaw (Thornaby) 21-17, N May (West Cornwall) bt E Logan (Mansfield, North London) 21-14, D Hunt (Swinton) bt K Hawes (Cherwell) 21-19, V Mansell (Isle of Purbeck) bt J Lee (Cotswold) 21-20

CRICKET

One-day international
West Indies v Australia

Bridgetown, Barbados (West Indies won toss): West Indies beat Australia by six runs

WEST INDIES

P V Simmons c Taylor b Warne	37
S C Williams c Healy b Reiffel	11
B C Lara c Taylor b Blewett	55
*R B Richardson run out	9
C E L Hooper c May b McDermott	84
J C Adams c M Waugh b McDermott	2
†J T Murray c Healy b M Waugh	12
W K M Benjamin c May b McDermott	22
V C Drakes c Warne b M Waugh	9
C E L Ambrose c Taylor b M Waugh	0
C A Walsh not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 5)	10
Total (49.4 overs)	257

FALL OF WICKETS 1-26, 2-89, 3-87, 4-155, 5-158, 6-191, 7-241, 8-242, 9-248.

BOWLING: McDermott 10-0-25-3; Reiffel 10-1-50-1; M Waugh 6 4-0-42-3; Warne 10-0-56-1 Blewett 8-0-44-1, May 5-0-35-0

AUSTRALIA

*M A Taylor c Simmons b Walsh	41
M J Slater c Adams b Benjamin	21
M E Waugh c Murray b Walsh	29
D C Boon not out	85
S R Waugh b Drakes	26
G S Blewett c Walsh b Ambrose	33
†I A Healy run out	0
P R Reiffel not out	10
Extras (lb 1, w 5)	6
Total (50 overs, 6 wkts)	251

S K Warne, C J McDermott and T B A May did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-50, 2-94, 3-94, 4-156, 5-235, 6-238

BOWLING Ambrose 10-1-43-1, Walsh 10-1-52-2 (w 1), Benjamin 6 1-0-24-1 (w 2), Drakes 9 5-0-39-1, Hooper 5-0-46-0 (w 2), Simmons 9-0-46-0.

Man of the match: C L Hooper

Umpires: L Barker and D Holder

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (first day of four) Adelaide: South Australia 392-5 (J Siddons 170, P Nobes 70) v Queensland Hobart: Tasmania 273 (R Tucker 93, M Ridgway 70) v Victoria. No play: Sydney: New South Wales v Western Australia.

CYCLING

POMPEI: Tirreno-Adriatico race (first stage 174kms San Giuseppe to Pompei): 1, E Zabel (Ger) 4hr 32 17sec, 2, G Citterio (It); 3, F Fontanelli (It) 4 T Steels (Bel); 5, N Manali (It), 6, A van der Poel (Holl) all same time

SAINT ETIENNE: Paris-Nice race (fifth stage 176km from Murat to Saint Etienne) 1, L Armstrong (US, Motorola) 4hr 2min 20sec. 2, T Bourguignon (Fr, Le Groupement) at 8sec, 3, E Bouwmans (Holl, Novell) 51; 4, F Baldato (It, MG Technogym) 1·02, 5, P Fornaciari (It, Mercatone Uno); 6, F Frattini (It, Gewiss Ballan) at same time. Overall standings: 1, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE) 17hr 20min 23sec, 2, A Tchmil (Moldova, Lotto) 1·40, 3, S Heulot (Fr, Banesto) 1·42; 4, S Outschakov (Ukr, Polti) 1·44; 5, F Simon (Fr, Castorama) 1 46 6, J Laukka (Fin, Festina) at same time.

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Watford 1 Ipswich 5.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Quarter-final: Shropshire 2 Greater Manchester 3 English Schools Snickers Under-16 Trophy: Third round: Hewett HS, Norfolk 1 Copleston HS, Suffolk 1.

Wednesday's Late results

COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Bolton 3 Swindon 1 (Bolton win 4-3 on aggregate). Crystal Palace 0 Liverpool 1 (Liverpool win 2-0 on aggregate)

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn 3 Arsenal 1; Manchester City 1 Chelsea 2; Newcastle 2 West Ham 0, Norwich 0 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Nottingham Forest 2 Everton 1; Queens Park Rangers 2 Leicester City 0; Tottenham Hotspur 3 Ipswich 0

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Millwall 2 Reading 0; Portsmouth 1 West Bromwich Albion 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Sunderland 0

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE Second division: Meadowbank 0 Stirling 3

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Cyprus 3 Sweden 3 (Limassol). Slovakia 2 Russia 1 (Kosice), Turkey 2 Israel 1 (Istanbul). Greece 1 Switzerland 1 (Athens)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 1 Tottenham 3. Bristol Rovers 0 Wimbledon 2; Charlton 2 Norwich 1. Second division: Cardiff 5 Torquay 2. Other matches postponed.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Derby County 1 Sheffield Utd 1, Tranmere 6 West Bromwich 0 Second division: York 0 Blackpool 1 Hull 0 Barnsley 0, Mansfield 2 Middlesbrough 4, Preston 5 Bradford 2.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Postponed: Conwy v Holywell League Cup: Third round, second leg: Cwmbran 0 Ton Pentre 2 (Ton Pentre win 2-1 on agg).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull 1 Worcester 0 Southern division: Clevedon 3 Poole 1

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round, second replay: Postponed: Galway United v Waterford United

UNIBOND LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round: Boston 3 Hyde 0. Challenge Cup: Fourth round replay: Accrington Stanley 3 Bishop Auckland 4.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Postponed: Holker Old Boys v Clitheroe; Nantwich v Rossendale, Penrith v Bootle

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Seaham Red Star 4 Murton 1. Postponed: Northallerton v Whitby.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridport 5 Torrington 1 Postponed: Saltash v Barnstaple. Les Phillips Cup: Amesbury 1 Taunton 4.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: North Leigh 1 Bicester 3; Tuffley 4 Almondsbury 0

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Christchurch 2 BAT 4; East Cowes Vics 1 Cowes Sports 0 League Cup: Quarter-final, second leg: Gosport 0 Brockenhurst 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Senior Challenge Cup: Third round: Postponed: Willesden v Waltham Abbey.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST: Presidents Cup: Second round replay: Postponed: Eccleshill v Glasshoughton Welfare.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Whitehawk 1 Southwick 1, Wick 3 Three Bridges 0.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Canterbury v Herne Bay.

SCHOOLS FA Premier League Trophy: Quarter-final: Shropshire 2 Greater Manchester 3. Midland Federation Cup: Shropshire 6 Warwickshire 5

ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Lazio 0 Juventus 1

DUTCH CUP: Quarter-final: Ajax 1 Feyenoord 2.

SPANISH CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Sporting Gijon 1 Rayo Vallecano 1, Real Mallorca 1 Valencia 0.

FRENCH CUP: Third round: Le Havre 0 Paris Saint-Germain 0 (aet. PSG win 4-3 on penalties).

PORTUGUESE CUP: Sixth round: Leca 1 Farense 0 (aet), Academico Viseu 0 Vitoria Setubal 1; Ovarense 2 Rio Ave 0; Olivais Moscavide 1 Sporting Braga 0; Maritimo 2 Amora 1.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Tennents Scottish Cup
Fifth round
Celtic v Kilmarnock

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Mold v Porthmadog.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Southampton (2.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: West Bromwich v Coventry (7.0)

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Omagh v Glentoran. Wilkinson Sword League Cup: Second round: Newry v Coleraine.

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Quarter-final: Bluebell v Bohemians (7 45).

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Haverhill v Newmarket.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Quarter-final: Swansea v Manchester (at Vetch Field, 7.0). English Schools Snickers Under-16 Trophy: Third-round replay: Coplestone High School, Suffolk v Hewett High School, Norfolk (2.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: English women's national championships (Northampton)

ICE SKATING: World championships (NEC, Birmingham).

VOLLEYBALL: Men's internationals: Latvia v Scotland; England v Lithuania (Iffley Road Sports Centre, 6 0).

GOLF

AGADIR: Moroccan Open: Early first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 66: A Cejka (Ger) 67: S Torrance. 68: A Gilner (Swe), R Karlsson (Swe), E Darcy, M Mackenzie, M Besanceney (Fr). 69: P Way, A Bossert (Switz), D Carter, P Eales, I Palmer (SA), G Leverson (SA).

HOCKEY

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Men: Durham 1 Loughborough 3; Kent 2 West London 4 Women: Bristol 2 Heriot-Watt 1; Loughborough 4 Brighton 0.

MEN'S REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: British Police 1 Army 0; Royal Navy 0 Civil Service 3 (at Portsmouth).

BLACKPOOL: British Aerospace English women's under-18 championship: Wisbech 1 King Edward VI 1, Sir William Borlase 3 Dauntsey's 0; Wisbech 2 Queen Mary 0, Sir William Borlase 2 Wisbech 0; Queen Mary 1 King Edward VI 1, Dauntsey's 1 Wisbech 0, Sir William Borlase 1 King Edward VI 0, Dauntsey's 4 Queen Mary 0; Sir William Borlase 0 Queen Mary 0; King Edward VI 1 Dauntsey's 1. 1, Sir William Borlase 10pts; 2, Queen Mary, Lytham 8; 3, Wisbech GS; 4, King Edward VI 3; 5, Dauntsey's 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Florida 3 Ottawa 2; Montreal 2 Buffalo 2 (OT), NY Rangers 6 New Jersey 4; Toronto 3 Dallas 2; San Jose 2 Edmonton 5

ICE SKATING

BIRMINGHAM: World championships: Pairs: Positions after free programme: 1, R Kovarikova and R Novotny (Cz) 1.0; 2, E Shishkova and V Naumov (Russ) 2.0; 3, J Meno and T Sand (US) 3 0; 4, M Yeltsova and A Bushkov (Russ) 4.0; 5, M Woetzel and I Steuer (Ger) 5.0; 6, M Petrova and A Sikharulidze (Russ) 6.0. British placing: 18, Rodgers and Aldred 16.0 Final: 1, Koravikova and Novotny 1.5; 2, Shishkova and Naumov 3.5, 3, Meno and Sand, 5.5; 4, Yeltsova and Bushkov, 6.0, 5, Woetzel and Steuer 6.0; 6, Petrova and Sikharulidze 9.0. British placing: 17, Rogers and Aldred 24 5. Men (after technical programme). 1, T Eldredge (US) 0.5, 2, E Stojko (Can) 1.0; 3, S Davis (US) 1 5; 4, A Urmanov (Russ) 2 0, 5, P Candeloro (Fr) 2.5; 6, S Cousins (GB) 3.0, 7, V Zagorodniuk (Ukr) 3 5; 8, E Millot (France) 4.0; 9, Z Kerekes (Hun) 4.5; 10, D Dmitrenko (Ukr) 5.0; 22, C Shorten (GB) 11.0.

MOTOR RALLYING

FIGUERO DA FOZ: Portuguese rally (after 18 stages). 1, J Kankkunen (Fin, Toyota Celica GT Four) 3hr 11min 24sec, 2, C Sainz (Sp, Subaru Impreza) 3:11·34; 3, C McRae (GB, Subaru Impreza) 3:12·42; 8, R Burns (GB Subaru Impreza) 3·19 56

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: England Emerging Players 3 Northern Transvaal 19.

CLUB MATCHES: Lydney 12 Army 27; Oxford University 40 Oxfordshire 34; Rosslyn Park 6 Royal Navy 27; Weston-super-Mare 42, Bristol University 12.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SPORTS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Swansea 27 Durham 17.

WELSH SCHOOLS CUP: Llandovery College 9 St David's Sixth Form College, Cardiff 23 (at Stradey Park)

SQUASH

LISBON: Portuguese Open: Second round: P Marshall (Eng) bt S Meads (Eng) 15-11, 15-14, 15-11, S Elopuro (Fin) w/o R Norman (NZ) scr.

TENNIS

INDIAN WELLS: Men's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: A Agassi (US) bt M Wilander (Swe) 6-0, 6-2; T Muster (Austria) bt C Adams (US) 6-2, 7-6; T Enqvist (Swe) bt P Korda (Cz) 6-2, 7-5, B Becker (Ger) bt J Palmer (US) 6-4, 6-4; C Costa (Sp) bt J Courier (US) 7-6, 6-3, W Ferreira (SA) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; A Berasategui (Sp) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-3, 6-4, M Stich (Ger) bt R Reneberg (US) 1-6, 7-6, 6-3, T Martin (US) bt H Skoff (Austria) 6-2, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-3, 6-2.

DELRAY BEACH, Florida: Women's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: B Schultz (Holl) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 6-4, 7-5, R Dragomir (Rom) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-1, 6-2; B Rittner (Ger) bt N Arendt (US) 6-3, 6-2; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt M Werdel Witmeyer (US) 6-3, 6-4, C Martinez (Sp) bt C Cristea (Rom) 6-0, 6-2, M Vento (Ven) bt T Tamasugarn (Thai) 7-6, 1-6, 6-0, N Tauziat (Fr) bt K Kschwendt (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; J Nejedly (Can) bt L Garrone (It) 6-2, 6-0; F Labat (Arg) bt R McQuillan (Aus) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, F Fortuni (It) bt C Singer (Ger) 7-5, 6-3; K Boogert (Holl) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-0, 7-5, S Rottier (Ger) bt G Fernandez (US) 6-0, 6-1. Third round: S Graf (Ger) bt N Bradtke (Aus) 6-4, 6-1.

COPENHAGEN: Men's tournament: First round: K Kucera (Slovakia) bt S Simian (Fr) 6-3, 6-4, P Lundgren (Swe) bt J Winnink (Holl) 6-4, 6-3, T Carbonell (Sp) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-0, 6-4; T Carbonell (Sp) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-0, 6-4, S Lareau (Can) bt K Carlsen (Den) 7-6, 6-4. Second round: A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-3, 6-4; M Sinner (Ger) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 6-4, 6-3, P Cash (Aus) bt G Rusedski (Can) 3-6, 7-6, 7-6

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: America's Cup: Fourth round: Louis Vuitton Cup (challenger's series) Nippon (M Namba) bt Rioja de Espana (P Campos) by 13sec, oneAustralia (J Bertrand) bt Tag Heuer Challenge (C Dickson) by 57; France³ (M Pajot) bt Sydney 95 (S Fischer) by 1 36. Standings: 1, Team New Zealand 65pts, 2, oneAustralia 53; 3, Tag Heuer Challenge 49; 4, Nippon 28, 5, France³ 25, 6, Rioja de Espana 14, 7, Sydney 95 13. Citizen Cup (defender's series) Stars & Stripes (D Conner) bt America³ (L Egnot) 1.35. Standings: 1, Young America 46, 2, Stars & Stripes 39; 3, America³

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *40*

PELMENY

(c) In Russian cookery, small pastry cases stuffed with meat etc. From the Russian *pelméni*. "The best, real way of preparing Siberian pelmeny is to use two kinds of meat for stuffing — beef and pork or veal and pork — and plenty of seasoning."

RAMSHANDRY

(b) Thoughtless, light-headed, precipitate, a fanciful combination of *ram-stan* and *shandy*. *Hapax legomenon* in W. De Morgan's *Alice-for-Short*, 1907. "Don't you go making a runaway match with a ramshandry sort o' half-French girl."

QIVIUT

(b) The underwool of the Arctic musk-ox, or fibre made from this, from the Eskimo. "Many woolen manufacturers are enthusiastic about the principal product of the musk ox, its underwool, which the Eskimos call qiviut. The fiber is similar to that of cashmere but about twice as long and half as thick."

PATIKI

(c) A local name for a flat-fish belonging to one of several species of *Rhombosolea* found in New Zealand waters, like a flounder. From the Maori name. "The natives brought in an abundant supply of fine fish: mullet, patiki (the flounder of Europe) and other delicious species."

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Fifth world championships most notable for athletes who stayed away

Lack of star quality threatens name of indoor games

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN BARCELONA

PRIMO NEBIOLO, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) president, refers to the fifth world indoor championships, which begin here today, as the sport's "first great appointment" of the year. First great disappointment, more like.

As exemplified by the desperate manoeuvrings to attempt to get Linford Christie to run, these championships have become an embarrassment to the IAAF. Nebiolo writes in the meeting brochure about his "Athletics Family", but where are his favourite sons and daughters? Not here.

No Morceli, no Jackson, no Fredericks, no Michael Johnson; no Gunnell, no Drechsler, no Devers, no Joyner-Kersee. And Christie? Here but not running. The British Athletic Federation (BAF) would not be bullied by the IAAF into dropping Michael Rosswess from the 60 metres to make room for Christie.

Britain's Olympic and world 100 metres champion had told Malcolm Arnold, the BAF chief coach, on Tuesday last week that he wanted to be dropped from the team because he was tired. Arnold suggested he take a few days to think about it, which Christie did, but on Sunday the athlete confirmed that he would not be running. Rosswess was named to replace him.

Nebiolo then instructed one of his minions to attempt to persuade the BAF to deselect Rosswess. Nebiolo also made overtures to Christie who, for a second time, changed his mind. Christie would "honour" the request to compete, Nebiolo was informed in a letter from Sue Barrett, the athlete's agent.

However, Barrett's letter said that Christie's participation was conditional on it not being at the expense of Rosswess. Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF secretary, stated that a wild card was out of the question, so Peter Radford, the BAF executive chairman, put morals before medals and resisted pressure to drop Rosswess.

Not only was the IAAF sent away with its tail between its legs, it also offered an apology to Christie as it went. Christopher Winner, the IAAF's chief press officer, had criticised Christie for his late withdrawal. The runner was furious. Yesterday, Winner said he regretted causing distress.

A fortnight ago, Rosswess said that he had been "treated shabbily" by the BAF because it had failed to inform him of a timetable change for a 60 metres in Birmingham and so he missed the event. He should feel less angry now after the BAF's stance on his behalf. Both Rosswess and Darren Braithwaite are outside medal chances for the 60 metres today.

Canada have the best chance of gold through Bruny Surin, the defending champion. The women's 60 metres should be won by Merlene Ottey, the Jamaican who is one of the small band of luminaries competing here. The only others are Irina Privalova, of Russia, the European 100 and 200 metres champion, who has opted for the 400 metres, Sergey Bubka and Javier Sotomayor.

Ottey: rare luminary

A few more achievers will add a lesser degree of star quality to the championships — Ellen van Langen, Maria Mutola, Jearl Miles, Ioamnet Quintero, Heike Henkel, Maksim Tarasov, Fermin Cacho, Mark McKoy, Tony Jarrett, John Regis. But the only events which have a world-class feel about them are the women's 800 metres (Mutola against van Langen), the pole vault (Bubka against Tarasov), the women's 400 metres (Privalova against Miles), the women's high jump (Quintero against Henkel) and the men's sprint hurdles (McKoy, Jarrett and Allen Johnson).

Nebiolo refers to statistics as the "language" of his sport. Two statistics in particular do not speak well here: only 13 women have entered the 1,500 metres and only five countries are down for the men's 4 x 400 metres. It is doubtful whether, under the points scoring system used by the IAAF to determine the quality of each meeting, these world championships would rank above the Lievin meeting, where Christie set a 200 metres world record three weeks ago.

There will, however, be some entertaining competition and the occasion affords experience for young athletes such as Mark Hylton, 18, the Britain 400 metres runner. But, as Arnold said yesterday, "the problem is in calling it a world championships".

Arnold added: "For the superstar, it is of limited value because of the crowded year and the priorities we have. Finance is rearing its ugly head increasingly and they [the IAAF] are not offering any prize-money or prizes. Once upon a time it was one hard year, one easy year. Now it is one hard year followed by a harder year."

The final irony yesterday concerned Venuste Niyongabo, the Burundi runner who is closing in on 1,500 metres and 3,000 metres records. Niyongabo said last month that he would not be at the championships but, with the IAAF's messages ringing in his ears, changed his mind. He arrived on Wednesday but was detained at the airport for not having a visa and, irritated that his motives for entering Spain were being questioned, left on a flight to Rome. Last heard, the IAAF and Spanish authorities were pleading for him to return.

IAN STEWART

Regis, who runs in the 200 metres, represents one of Britain's brightest medal hopes

Counties continue to put profit before England

Alan Lee laments that the spring meeting of the TCCB failed to address urgent problems

Even if Keith Fletcher was utterly hopeless and Raymond Illingworth a miracle-worker, neither of which is the case, the problems of English cricket could not be solved by the management coup which took place under cover of darkness one night this week.

Whatever benefits accrue from Illingworth's elevation to an all-powerful role — and accountability is the first that springs to mind — the events of this week have done no more than shake the cream. It is the milk underneath that needs a churn.

The dismissal of the England manager inevitably dwarfed all other business emanating from the Test and County Cricket Board's spring meeting. In a sense, this was convenient for the delegates, because they would otherwise have stood accused of spending two days achieving very little.

If Fletcher had not been dismissed, far more would also have been made of the crassly-timed announcement that Benson and Hedges will continue to sponsor a one-day competition until the turn of the century. In essence, the counties have sold their souls for the £4 million cheque, because it has been commonly agreed by those who play and work within the game that this competition should be the first casualty of a slimmed-down schedule.

The counties never have seen it that way, going so far as to restore the banalities of the zonal stages. It is not until 1997 that one can expect to see any improvement in a grossly overcrowded programme that makes it impossible for the players to sustain a peak, let alone to take the appropriate time for training, technical practice and rest.

Illingworth will do his best to address the sins of the system but has no confidence in the prospects of instant reform. The players, too, will continue to make their voices heard through their spokesman, the ubiquitous David Graveney, but judging by the board's lack of reaction to a carefully worded 1,000-word fax from the Cricketers' Association this week, they cannot expect much joy, either.

The players' comments may have been absorbed by their employers but they brought no public response. As to the threatened militancy over a minimum wage demand, the board has quietly simmered over its insolence then cocked a deaf ear, passing the responsiblity to its liaison committee.

The one significant resolution made by the board, hirings and firings apart, goes some way towards correcting the most insidious and counter-productive practice in county cricket, that of deliberately doctoring pitches to produce a result well within the four days prescribed for a championship game.

The players' proposed solution was for all groundsmen to be centrally employed. The board, citing various unidentified difficulties, believe this impracticable. Instead, it has broadened the sanctions for erring groundsmen. In addition to the 25-point penalty for an "unfit" pitch, there is to be a sliding scale of points penalties for pitches regarded as "poor". A first offence will bring a warning, a second offence will cost the club ten championship points, a third offence 15. A county's slate will not be wiped clean for 12 months.

It is not, in itself, earth-shaking, but at least it focuses on an area of resentment and regression. If it brings about a dramatic improvement in pitches, which it just might, it will greatly assist the beneficiary of the higher-profile decision of the week.

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Nicol gets free ride only to face Jansher

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN LISBON

PETER NICOL, of Scotland, yesterday received an unexpected free ride into the semi-finals of the Portuguese Open squash championship here today when his quarter-final opponent, Anthony Hill, of Australia, withdrew with a chest infection that left him unable to breathe properly.

Hill was recently promoted into the world top ten for the first time after winning his first Professional Squash Association World Tour title in Calcutta last month. He was hoping to reinforce his position in this event and in the British Open, which follows later this month.

"I woke up this morning and just couldn't take a full breath and with a really tight chest," Hill said on his way back to his European base in Germany. "I wanted the points here but I have to be sure of my fitness for the British.

"Also, I keep remembering that Rodney Eyles had this sort of virus coming out of India earlier in the season and look what happened to him last week."

Eyles, another quarter-finalist here last night, was hospitalised for several days in Kingston Hospital's cardiac unit last week after collapsing at Colets Club in Surrey and complaining of chest pains. Nicol will go straight into a semi-final against Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, the world champion and No 1 seed, whom he defeated just over a year ago in the second round of the Leekes Classic in Cardiff.

"I would have preferred another match to sharpen up for Jansher," Nicol, 21, said yesterday. "The other side of the coin is that I go into the semi-final that bit fresher. I have arranged a special training match against Sameer Khan, a Paris-based Pakistani who knows Jansher's game well."

Against his less-experienced compatriot, Martin Heath, in the first all-Scottish World Tour match in the previous round, Nicol was less than wholly impressive. "The trouble with Martin is that he breaks up the play so much," Nicol said. "I found it hard to get a rhythm going. I really was hoping to work that jerkiness out in a match with Hill today."

Heath, 21, a latecomer to the international stage, learnt his squash primarily from videos.

Results, page 41

Hendry out to bury bad result

STEPHEN HENDRY maintains that individual defeats do not rankle and are quickly dismissed, but even the world snooker champion will have trouble forgetting his astounding first-round defeat last year in the Thailand Open here in Bangkok (Phil Yates writes).

Hendry, the favourite to win the 1995 version, which begins today, enjoyed an identical status 12 months ago when he lost 5-2 to Tai Pichit, a local wild-card entry who was an amateur.

That result, arguably the biggest upset in the history of top-level snooker, had significant ramifications for the world rankings, and Hendry retained his five-season hold on the No 1 position only by beating Steve Davis in the semi-finals of the world championship six weeks later.

The Scot, 26, rebuilt what appeared an assailable lead over his rivals by winning the United Kingdom championship and the European Open before Christmas, but since then his relatively poor form and the resurgence of Davis have caused that cushion to be eroded once more.

Hendry has a tricky opening match against Mark Williams, 19, a former British junior champion.

RADIO CHOICE

Masters of a mad world

Panel Beaters. *Radio 2. 7.00pm.*

Question: Are newspapers necessary? Answer: Yes. How else would we eat our fish and chips? Question: What is the best way to mount a bicycle while wearing a kilt? Answer: Carefully, like hedgehogs making love. Wisecracks such as these were the lifeblood of the comedy series *Does The Team Think?* In this 1967 edition Ted Ray, Jimmy Edwards, Cyril Fletcher and Tommy Trinder guy straitlaced progenitors such as *The Brains Trust* and *Any Questions?* Theirs was a madcap realm in which Ray was undisputed monarch. His comic retorts came with the suddenness of summer lightning. "I can't stand smoking," says a questioner in the audience. "Then why don't you sit down," snaps Ray after a thousandth of a second interval.

The Art of Reading. *Radio 4. 9.30pm.*

What is the use of a book without illustrations, thought Alice. Or without conversation? The answer to question one supplies the substance for James Malpas's inquiry into book illustrations. The conversation is expertly provided by illustrators Quentin Blake and John Lawrence, by Jo Whitlock Blundell and Sue Bradbury of the Folio Society, and gallery owner Chris Beetles. You need think only of John Leech's illustrations for *A Christmas Carol* or John Tenniel's for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* to see how books are given a different status by their illustrators. Ultimately, success lies in achieving the right balance between text and image. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** *Lisa I'Anson including at* **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel **1.00am** The IFM Rap Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan *9.15 Pause for Thought* **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Fiona Armstrong **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Panel Beaters: See Choice **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Treasure Island **9.00** Listen to the Band: CWS Glasgow Band **10.00** Alan *Titchmarsh with the Radio 2 Arts* Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The *Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and* **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, including at **9.40** Video Review; **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, with *Sybil Ruscoe 4.00 John Inverdale* Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.35** Off Piste, with Sandy Warr **9.35** Now the Good News **10.05** Stop Press **10.35** Financial Week **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight *12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night*

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffen **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** *Samantha Meah and Sean Bolger* **10.00** Caesar the Geezer **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** *Morgenmagazin* **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *Manon* **7.30** Russia's Revolution **8.00** News **8.10** Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Faith **10.30** Soul Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.15** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Faith **12.15** Russia's Revolution **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Manon 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 News* **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Russia's Revolution **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The *World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00* News **10.05** Business **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15am** Essential Qur'an **12.30** Weeklies **12.45** Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Worldbrief **1.45** Jazz **2.00** News **2.30** *People and Politics 3.00 News* **3.15** Sport **3.30** Vintage Chart **4.00** News

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime Concerto: Khachaturian (Violin Concerto)* **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Danzi (Wind Quintet in G minor); Franz Krommer (Partita in E flat, Op 45 No 2; Holst (Quintet in A minor); Reinecke (Wind Octet in B flat); Dvořák *(Serenade in D minor, Op 44)* **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Tim Lihoreau

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** *Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyte* **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Maths: *One-One and Composite* Functions **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air: With Andrew McGregor. Carlo Farina *(Capriccio stravagante)*; Sibelius (Spring Song, Op 16); Glazunov (The Sea, Op 28); *Stravinsky (Circus Polka)*; Handel (Fronda leggiera e mobile); **8.32** *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 71 No 3)

9.00 Composers of the Week: Swedish Romantics. Curt *Carlsson introduces music by* Otto Olsson

10.00 Musical Encounters: Handel (Concerto grosso in D, Op 3 No 6); **10.15** *Artist of the Week*: Steven Isserlis, cello. Rimsky-Korsakov *(Serenade, Op 37)*; **10.20** Rautavaara (Cantus Arcticus); Bach (Cello Suite No 3 in C); Schumann (Arabeske in C, Op 18); Lionel Sainsbury (Violin Concerto); Brahms (Gesang der Parzen, Op 89)

12.00 Voices: *Hugo Wolf's Spanisches Liederbuch* (r)

1.00pm St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Marta Blanco, mezzo; Grupo Encuentros of Buenos Aires under Alicia Terzian. Carlos Guastavino (Sonetos de Ruisenor); Villa-Lobos (Poema del niño y su madre); Edgar Alandia (Grito, 1980); Alicia Terzian (Tres Retratos); Irma Urteaga (Suenos de Yerma); Roque de Pedro (En *el bar, como un Tango)*

2.00 Schools: The Song Tree: Course 1 — The Vanishing Hole **2.15** Together Stories **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner

3.00 Mining the Archive: Time *Regained. Peter Cropper and Andras Schiff pay tribute to Sandor Vegh who founded the Hungarian Quartet*

4.20 Hits of the Forties

4.30 Music of the Silk Road: Sara Nuttall explores *traditional music of the* ancient trade route

5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson talks to members of the London Gabrieli Ensemble

5.15 In Tune: With Jeremy *Nicholas. Including Weber* (Overture: Der Freischütz); Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo Theme); Brahms (Variations on a Theme by Haydn, Op 56a)

7.30 Towards the Millennium: *The Lindsay Quartet, live from* Studio 1, Birmingham, performs Shostakovich (String Quartet No 4); Britten (String Quartet No 2); **8.30** Catching the Eye: Deyan Sudjic continues his survey of design *in the 1940s*; **8.40** Tippett (String Quartet No 3)

9.30 Music at War: Stephen Johnson concludes his exploration of music written in Britain during and after the Second World War

9.50 Intersections: Early music ensemble the Orlando Consort and jazz group Perfect House Plants perform a sequence of improvisations and specially composed pieces based on medieval chant and polyphony

10.45 Friday Feature: False Strings and Honest Rhymes. *A profile of the poet* Louis MacNeice

11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs, with historian Professor Eric Hobsbawm (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00-10.30 News; Listen to the Cinema! (FM only): David Huckvale explores *music in* the cinema, and talks to composers about the contribution music makes to a *film*

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW *only*)

10.15 Something Understood (LW only): *Love Is Enough*, read by Jack Klaff and Eve Karpf

10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Sylvia Horn

11.30 The National History Programme, presented by Joanna Pinnock

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Classic Serial: Dead Souls. The second of two episodes of Nikolai Gogol's *comedy dramatised by* Stephen Wyatt. With Ken Stott as Chichikov and a cast including Jean Alexander, Bryan Pringle and Mark McGann. Directed by Kate Rowland (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor and guests

4.00 News; Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlowe celebrates the centenary of the innovative art gallery, Kettles Yard in Cambridge

4.45 Short Story: Having a Wonderful Time. Patricia Brake reads J.G. Ballard's story (r)

5.00 PM, with Hugh Sykes and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places: Ideas for the weekend

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a discussion in Hove, East Sussex, with Anne Applebaum, deputy editor of *The Spectator*; Sir Edward Heath, MP; Lord Jenkins of Hillhead; and Gerald Kaufman, MP

8.50 Law In Action, with Marcel Berlins

9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: The Art of Reading (r). See Choice **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Archy and Mehitabel (5/8)

11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with Sally Grace, Jeffrey Holland, Toby Longworth and Sally Phillips

11.25 Fourth Column: Alistair Beaton's guests include Allison Pearson

11.45 The State of the Carpet: Charlotte Mitchell returns with some of her latest poems (r)

12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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How to get a Handel on mysterious forces

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

It's been one of those weeks. A third of the way through watching ITV's new **Chiller**, I discovered I'd been playing a CD of Handel arias through the same speakers as the television. "Love all this singing in the background," I had said aloud, nodding approvingly; oh yes, very tasteful, very baroque.

A seance in the basement of an Italian sandwich bar in the city was conducted to the faint strains of a counter-tenor singing *Pena tiranna io sento al core* (I feel cruel pain in my heart); *ne spero mai trovar pietà* (And have no hope of finding compassion). Spooky in itself, that. And then, after a rather bad traffic accident during a snatch from Giulio Cesare, it was five years later in the British Museum, and Handel was subtly warning me against the machinations of the ghost. *E chi è a mal far disposto, Non brama che si veda L'inganno del suo* cor (He who is of evil inclination will take good care to hide it, so that his heart eludes all suspicion). Yikes.

Starring Sophie Ward and Nigel Havers, Stephen Gallagher's story *Prophecy* was a traditional but sufficiently gripping tale, about a very bad ghost who could arrange spectacularly nasty accidents. Of the students who conducted the seance, one called a lift in an office tower, got in, and fell screaming down a lift shaft; another was struck blind; and so on.

The dreamy Francesca (Sophie Ward) finally put two and two together, but not before she'd carelessly lost all her friends to sickness and freak mutilation. Meanwhile an extraordinary stroke of apparent good fortune had cast an aristocratic widower into her life (Nigel Havers). But damn, he was a descendant of the baddie ghost, with a son who prophetically dreamt catastrophes. So as the perfect mate for a single, suggestible girl he fell a trifle short.

The pleasure of writing such a story must be that you can arrange fantastic coincidences and then blame them on the powers of the satanic 2nd marquess. "Come on, Stephen," they must have said at the script conferences, "Francesca bumps into Havers on a station platform, and then completely by chance overhears someone at the dentist's reading his 'where are you?' advertisement in *Private Eye*? It would never happen." "Ah, dark forces, dark forces," says the writer: at which they all stop being difficult as a shiver goes up the collective spine, and weird strains of Handel waft unwonted through the room.

Thursday choices have been difficult, lately. Do you watch **Secret Lives** (Channel 4), in which revisionists haul down the public monuments to history's clay-footed heroes (last night Louis Mountbatten's catalogue of ineptitude, with special emphasis on the raid on Dieppe), or do you think "to hell with it" and tune in to Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson in **Jobs for the Girls** (BBC1)? Oddly, there is nothing tough about this decision. While *Secret Lives* can be recorded and watched another day, *Jobs for the Girls* is surprisingly unmissable. It is very funny, but serious at the same time. Each intensive training mission is taken under real pressure, with genuine fear of failure, which shows.

Last week's foray into journalism was the best so far. Working at her screen 20 minutes before deadline, Pauline lost the lot when she pressed the wrong button. For anyone who has never experienced this heart-stopping blank-screen calamity, I need to explain that it is not funny in the slightest, it is the very hollow of despair, like falling down a bottomless lift shaft while still sitting in your chair. And the point is: Pauline now knows this. She experienced it vividly, at first hand.

In last night's *Pauline and Linda Get a Bite*, there was less at stake: the girls were merely captaining teams in a fishing competition. But after a few screams and wisecracks about "maggits", they single-mindedly fell to it, careless as always of feminine dignity in their unflattering togs. During the deep-sea element of the competition, as the boat veered giddily from side to side in rocky waters off the Isle of Wight, experienced blokes cried off with seasickness, but the girls doggedly persevered. "You're a bit Tom and Dick, aren'tcha Dick?" said Pauline, demonstrating that cockney rhyming slang is never out of place.

Jimmy McGovern's **Hearts and Minds** (Channel 4) finished unhappily, with probationary teacher Drew (Christopher Eccleston) unfairly dismissed, despite repeated proof that he was God's endowment to English teaching, as well as a potential artistic director of the RSC. A talent with kids and English poetry, but no talent for politics — that was Drew's problem. Brilliantly written by McGovern, *Hearts and Minds* created a highly believable school, in which it was gradually dinned into Drew's resistant skull that self-interest was the simple basis for every word spoken by a grown-up.

Christopher Eccleston was utterly compelling as Drew — wary but enthusiastic, mean but kind, latently dangerous. Fans of the film *Shallow Grave*, in which Eccleston plays a nice man pushed too far, will be glad that in *Hearts and Minds* he only teetered on the edge, without a hammer within reach. Meanwhile the kids and staff were so convincing, it was quite possible to forget the tremendous effort involved in making the setting realistic. Director Stephen Whittaker worked a miracle of energy and pace; while the writing always held surprises. Quite tangentially, we learnt that the kids routinely referred to Drew's broken-down colleague Shotton as "Ariston". Why? Because he went on . . . and on . . . and on.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (61478)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (95291942)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (5342213)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by regional news (Ceefax) and weather (7737294) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r) (Ceefax) (8744497)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (7152861)

12.00 News (Ceefax) followed by regional news and weather (1595652)

12.05 Pebble Mill (s) (7361565) **12.55 Regional News** (Ceefax) and weather (15994671)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (39774)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (77711045)

1.50 Crown Prosecutor (Ceefax) (r) (s) (35808652)

2.20 Holiday. Jill Dando visits Torquay (r). (Ceefax) (s) (74699213)

2.50 The Flying Doctors (Ceefax) (r) (s) (1793768)

3.35 Cartoon Double Bill. *The Wayward Pups* and *The Pen* (2094478) **3.45** Bitsa (s) (2007942) **4.00 Jackanory** (s) (4313213) **4.10** Rugrats (s) (8031107) **4.25** The Borrowers (Ceefax) (r) (s) (9158923)

4.55 Newsround Extra. Dieting to Death — Britain's Anorexic Children (7812872)

5.05 Grange Hill. Wayne has a nasty surprise for Poppy. (Ceefax) (s) (6204687)

5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (r) (s) (746942)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) (671)

6.30 Regional news magazines (923) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours **Wales:** Wales Today

7.00 Wipeout. Quiz show (Ceefax) (s) (6316)

7.30 Tomorrow's World (Ceefax) (s) (107)

8.00 The Unforgettable EastEnders (Ceefax) (r) (s) (9836)

8.30 Do the Right Thing. Terry Wogan asks celebrity guests Gary Bushell, Maria McErlane and James Pickles to decide whether parents can ever legitimately steal for their children (s) (1671)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) followed by regional news and weather (1039)

9.30 CHOICE ***Billy Connolly in Nose and Beak*** (242836) **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.25 Billy Connolly in Nose and Beak (938861) 11.20 FILM: The Graduate (276584) 1.05 FILM: Critical Condition (7895546)

Dustin Hoffman and Katharine Ross (10.25pm)

10.25 FILM: The Graduate (1967). A young Californian finds himself in a mess after dallying with a friend of his parents and then falling in love with her daughter. Starring Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft and Katharine Ross. (Ceefax) (644316) **Wales:** Paper Dragon (608565) **10.55** FILM: The Graduate (90405854) **12.40** FILM: Critical Condition (4096492)

12.05am FILM: Critical Condition (1987) with Richard Pryor, Joe Mantegna and Ruben Blades. A con artist feigns insanity when he is arrested and winds up running a prison hospital. (Ceefax) (1956614) **1.35** Weather (6721782)

BBC2

6.20am Open University: Scaling the Salt Barrier (7374590) **6.45** The Emergence of Greek Mathematics (2137774) **7.10** History of Science (5347720) **7.35** Child Development (5020045) **8.00 Breakfast News** (6621855)

8.15 Germany 1925-32. German industry in the 1920s (4768010) **8.20 Boating Butler** (r) (3362774) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (6295107)

9.00 Winning: Teamwork (s) (52590)

9.30 Over the Moon: Life in 1953 (5570126) **9.45** Words and Pictures (5568381) **10.00** Playdays (s) (8828403) **10.25** Look and Read (1883039) **10.45** Science Zone (s) (4009294) **11.05** Space Ark (6872294) **11.15** See You, See Me: See France (s) (6529774) **11.30** English File (6774)

12.00 TV6: Nature. Noise pollution. (Ceefax) (s) (76126)

12.30pm Working Lunch. Business news (92652)

1.00 Scene. Shakers (s) (37316) **1.30 Q and A** (s) (25302316) **1.45** Come Outside (25227671) **2.00** Johnson and Friends (87070768) **2.10 Open View** (65867923)

2.15 Sport on Friday. Athletics from Barcelona, figure skating from Birmingham and bobsleigh action from Germany (s) (735720)

3.50 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by regional news and weather (8919381)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (836) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (720) **5.00 Esther** (s) (1294)

5.30 All in the Mind. Mental agility quiz (300)

6.00 World Figure Skating Championships and Athletics. The ladies short event from Birmingham plus athletics from Barcelona (46300)

7.30 CHOICE **Operavox: The Barber of Seville** (Ceefax) (s) (749)

Bob Carlos Clarke with subject (8.00pm)

8.00 The Photo Show. Bob Carlos Clarke takes a print master-class. (Ceefax) (s) (7478)

8.30 Gardeners' World (Ceefax) (s) (9213)

9.00 Steptoe and Son: Sunday for Seven Days (b/w). Classic comedy (r). (Ceefax) (2381)

9.30 World Figure Skating Championships. The free dance competition. Followed by Video Nation Shorts (15687)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (995316)

11.15 The Mrs Merton Show. Comedy with Caroline Hook as an agony aunt (Ceefax) (s) (423478)

11.45 Duckman (985229) **12.10am** Weatherview (4594879)

12.15am FILM: I Walked With a Zombie (1943, b/w). A Canadian nurse arrives on a Caribbean island to nurse a woman with unexplained paralysis (4834898)

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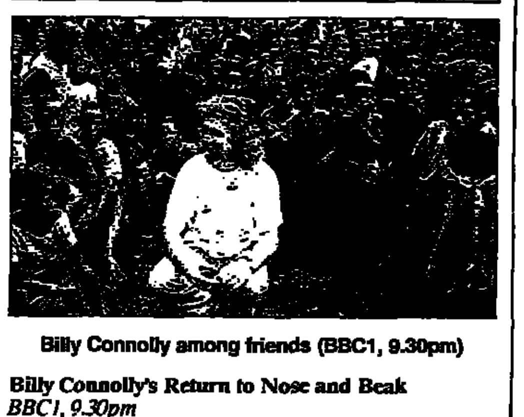


Billy Connolly among friends (BBC1, 9.30pm)

Billy Connolly's Return to Nose and Beak
BBC1, 9.30pm

When the Scottish funnyman visited Mozambique in 1989 on behalf of Comic Relief, his small daughter misheard and called the country Nose and Beak. She is obviously a comedian in the making. Meanwhile, dad is back in Africa, updating his previous report. The good news is that the 16-year civil war has ended. The bad news is that landmines are still blowing the legs off small children unlucky enough to tread in the wrong place. Connolly visits some of the victims as well as watching the emotional reunion of a widowed father and the children he has not seen for five years. Sympathetic without being patronising, cheerful but not facetious, Connolly is an ideal person to explain the Third World's troubles to the First.

Operavox
BBC2, 7.30pm

Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* is the latest opera to get the animated treatment, courtesy of the inventive Russian company, Christmas Films. Tiny wooden puppets, with hand-carved faces, are at the centre of the production which hardly stops for breath as it works hectically through the plot, or as much of it as can be crammed into half an hour. The novelty, and the source of many visual jokes, is showing the scenery being slotted into place and stage hands dashing in and out to arrange the props. Rosina's balcony is literally hand-held. Once upon a time all this would be called Brechtian. Now it is just fun, and nuts to the alienation effect. As usual in this series the Welsh National Opera supplies the music and the voices.

Dr Finlay
ITV, 9.00pm

Admirers of the admirable Scottish medical drama probably wish that now and again, just for a change, there would be a leavening of its sombre plot lines. Admittedly the show can do nothing about the weather, which seems unrelievedly grey, but the odd joke or two would be welcome. Unfortunately, however, this is the last episode of the current series and there is not a laugh in sight. Tannochbrae is thrown into turmoil after Dr Napier (Jessica Turner) fails to diagnose a case of diphtheria, an old friend of Cameron (Ian Bannen) is dying of cancer and Finlay (David Rintoul) is called to a horrible car crash. But a fourth series is on the way and here's hoping that this time the scriptwriters will be just a little flippant.

Gardens Without Borders
Channel 4, 8.00pm

La Landriana, southwest of Rome, is the destination for the cheery Yorkshire horticulturalist, Alan Mason, and wine-expert-cum-tree-buff, Hugh Johnson. Effusively described by Mason as a "vision of green and gold", the garden lies on the Pontine Marshes and was started, surprisingly, only in the early 1960s. The plan, moreover, was drawn up by an Englishman, Russell Page, making La Landriana an ideal subject for a series about the interchange between English and Italian design. The garden has 28 stanzas (or sections), which makes it sound like a poem. Mason and Johnson do their best to give their enthusiasm a literary ring as they admire the Jerusalem sage and a dazzling display of roses. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON LWT

6.00am GMTV (7700749)

9.25 Chain Letters. Word game presented by Ted Robbins (s) (3138381) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8732652)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (7930132)

10.35 This Morning (26597403) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1591836)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2143519)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (2048010) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (57962126)

1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show (s) (35905519) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Bernice is smitten by Robbie Agnew (s) (74692300)

2.50 Take the High Road (7283774) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (6949213) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6948584)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (2004855) **3.45 Warner Brothers Cartoons** (2092010) **4.00 Zzzap!** (s) (8035923) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures** (6353010) **4.40 The Geeks.** Quizmasters Bob Holness and Dale Winton are put on the hotspot. (Teletext) (s) (9994497)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (6125126)

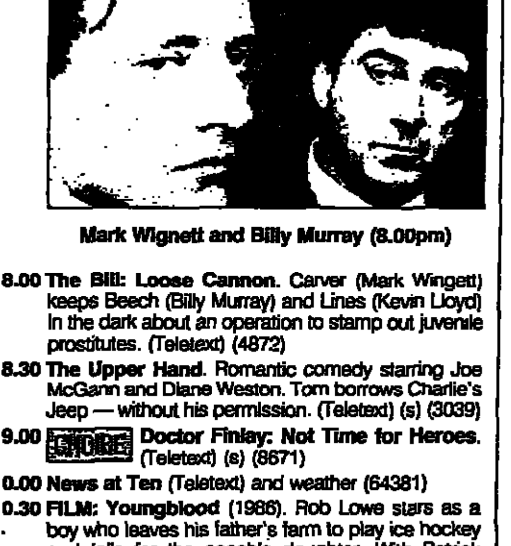
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (804045)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (271294)

6.25 London Tonight presented by Lindsay Charlton and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (998300)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. The comedian hosts the gameshow where prizes can be won or lost by the turn of a card. (Teletext) (s) (8584)

7.30 Coronation Street. Reg braves the Rovers sporting his new hairpiece. (Teletext) (403)



Mark Wignett and Billy Murray (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Loose Cannon. Carver (Mark Wingett) keeps Beech (Billy Murray) and Lines (Kevin Lloyd) in the dark about an operation to stamp out juvenile prostitutes. (Teletext) (4872)

8.30 The Upper Hand. Romantic comedy starring Joe McGann and Diane Weston. Tom borrows Charlie's Jeep — without his permission. (Teletext) (s) (3039)

9.00 CHOICE **Doctor Finlay: Not Time for Heroes.** (Teletext) (s) (8671)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (64381)

10.30 FILM: Youngblood (1986). Rob Lowe stars as a boy who leaves his father's farm to play ice hockey and falls for the coach's daughter. With Patrick Swayze and Cynthia Gibb. Directed by Peter Markle (46861)

12.30am London Tonight (Teletext) (5184614)

12.40 Get Wet (3985324)

1.05 The James Whale Show. Late-night entertainment (s) (6731459)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (6858256)

3.00 Noisy Mothers (s) (3265508)

3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (8011492)

4.30 The New Music featuring Van Halen and Pop Will Eat Itself (31188)

5.30 ITN Morning News (10614). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Sandokan (r) (2131590) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (56497)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (54958)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (5565294) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5560749) **10.00** Fourways Farm (7744584) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (1882300) **10.25** Eurokids (1887855) **10.40** Off Limits (3788377) **11.05** Schools at Work (6963590) **11.11** Time for Maths (6442671) **11.22** Stage One (6439107) **11.40** Time Capsule (4053855)

12.00 Profiles of Nature. The life cycle of mountain goats in the Canadian and American Rockies (r) (61294)

12.30 Sesame Street (27045) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** and **The Clangers** (r) (35815942) **1.55 The Three Stooges** (77634942)

2.20 FILM: Don't Take It To Heart (1944, b/w) starring Richard Greene and Patricia Medina. Comedy about a lawyer who becomes involved with the daughter of an aristocrat. Directed by Jeffrey Dell (741381)

4.00 Waterways. Dick Warner continues his journey along the waterways of Ireland (r). (Teletext) (132)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (316)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Amnesia (r). (Teletext) (5497)

6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based teen comedy series starring Mayim Bialik. (Teletext) (s) (381)

6.30 Moviewatch. Film magazine. Includes reviews of *Disclosure, Nell* and *I Love a Man in Uniform* (s) (861)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (831836)

7.50 You Don't Know Me But . . . A person in the news receives unsolicited advice (899294)

Hugh Johnson and Alan Mason (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Gardens Without Borders: Italy.** (Teletext) (s) (8774)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4381)

9.00 Ellen. American sitcom starring Ellen DeGeneres. (Teletext) (s) (4749)

9.30 Rising Damp. Classic boarding house comedy starring Leonard Rossiter as a seedy landlord and Frances de la Tour as the subject of his lust (r). (Teletext) (62364)

10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy. (Teletext) (s) (62923)

10.30 The Jack Dee Show. The comedian is joined by the singer Marcella Detroit, one half of Shakespear's Sister (r). (Teletext) (s) (261861)

11.05 The Word (s) (157749)

12.05am Beavis and Butthead. Irreverent animated music video reviews (s) (4426633)

12.35 FILM: Just a Gigolo (1979) starring David Bowie and Marlene Dietrich. A drama, set in Berlin before the rise of Hitler, about a First World War soldier who, unable to find respectable work, becomes a gigolo. Directed by David Hemmings (935169)

2.35 FILM: One Dangerous Night (1943, b/w) starring Warren William. A B-movie thriller about a cracksman-turned-sleuth investigating a murder of which he is the prime suspect. Directed by Michael Gordon (3277275). Ends at **3.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (77636300) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (4517107) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6125126) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (998300) **10.40** Love Call Live (565584) **11.40** Bodies of Evidence (134923) **12.35am** The Hidden Room (4501169) **1.05** The New Music (6731459) **2.05-3.00** The James Whale Show (6858256) **4.00** Cue the Music (36633) **5.00-5.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (68898)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77636300) **2.20** Wish You Were Here..? (74694381) **2.50** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (7027584) **3.15-3.20** The Cookery Club (6942300) **5.10-5.40** Eye TV (6125126) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (998300) **10.30** Central News (570671) **10.40** Central Weekend (9775756) **12.10am-1.05** Renegade (2050985) **4.25** Jobfinder (2238140) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (7225508)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (2048010) **1.25** Home and Away (87745229) **1.50** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (6144519) **2.50-3.20** Wish You Were Here...? (7283774) **5.10-5.40** High Road (6125126) **6.25** Granada Tonight (377942) **6.50** Nick Off (303132) **7.00-7.30** Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right (8584) **8.30-9.00** The Upper Hand (3039) **10.00** News at Ten: Weekend Weather (64381) **10.30** Granada News (833652) **10.35** Wild Geese II (12787584) **12.35am** Eye TV (4501169) **1.05** The James Whale Show (6731459) **2.05** The Chart Show (6858256) **3.00** Noisy Mothers (3265508) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8011492) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (31188)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 High Road (35905519) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (3006585) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6125126) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (519) **10.40** Late and Live (1882958) **12.05am-1.05** Father Dowling Investigates (2041237)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (8732652) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (1591836) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (6948584) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (519) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (570671) **10.40** Notorious (53107942) **12.35am-1.05** The Twilight Zone (4501169)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77636300) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (3016942) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6125126) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (276565) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (519) **10.40** Robson's Place (565584) **11.40** Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (28956107) **2.00am** The James Whale Show (49072) **3.00** The Big E (3265508) **3.55** Shift (8327614) **4.45** Sportsworld (80296) **5.15-5.30** Profile (7864695)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (8732652) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1500584) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1509855) **1.55** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (6136590) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (7026855) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News: Weather (6948584) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6125126) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (12887) **10.30** Westcountry News, Weather (570671) **10.40-1.05pm** Murder By Decree (59876720)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (8732652) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire Calendar News and Weather / Bisdale: Network North (1591836) **1.55** A Country Practice (77636300) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (3016942) **3.10** Help Yourself (6023229) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (6942300) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Bisdale: Network North (6948584) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6125126) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (276565) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (519) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (570671) **10.40** Music and Movies (387942) **11.10** The Hidden Room (935584) **11.40** Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (28956107) **2.00am** The James Whale Show (49072) **3.00** The Big E (3265508) **3.55** Shift (8327614) **4.45** Sportsworld (80296) **5.15-5.30** Profile (7864695)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (56497) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (54958) **9.30** Ysgolion (640836) **12.00pm** Profiles Of Nature. Mountain Goats (61294) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (87720) **1.00** Sesame Street (88403) **2.00** Beyond The Forest (762749) **3.40** Papageno (2091381) **3.55** The Pulse (5866039) **4.30** Saved By The Bell: The College Years (316) **5.00** 5 Pump (2590) **5.30** Countdown (768) **6.00** Newyddion (635478) **6.15** Hero (706229) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6126) **7.30** Penwythnos Mawr (395) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (8774) **8.30** Newyddion (4381) **9.00** Ffau'r Llewod (164958) **9.45** Out of Order (448590) **10.00** Brookside (62923) **10.30** Jack Dee Show (261861) **11.05** The Word (157749) **12.05am** Beavis And Butthead (4426633) **12.35** Just A Gigolo (935169) **2.35** One Dangerous Night (3277275)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (86403) **8.00** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (91403) **8.30** Blockbusters (90774) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (35565) **10.00** Concentration (54519) **10.30** Card Sharks (80710) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (71774) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (34590) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (27316) **1.00** St Elsewhere (42671) **2.00** If Tomorrow Comes (42720) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6327403) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4162671) **3.55** Double Dragon (3802861) **4.30** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (9756) **5.00** The Captain's Log (9045) **6.00** Gamesworld (4229) **6.30** Family Ties (5381) **7.00** Rescue (6854) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1565) **8.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (63132) **10.00** The Captain's Log (86039) **11.00** The Late Show (150316) **11.50** Littlejohn (753107) **12.40** Chances (3420492) **1.30am** The New WKRP in Cincinnati (42411) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (9467148)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (1575107) **9.30** Worldwide Report (88328) **10.30** ABC Nightline (80792) **11.00** World News and Business (179294) **1.30pm** CBS News (51687) **2.30** Parliament Live (26126) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (6687) **4.00** World News and Business (45294) **5.00** Live at Five (8411497) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (19471478) **8.00** World News and Business (14584) **9.30** O J. Simpson Trial Live (612126) **12.30am** CBS News (74508) **1.30** Target (46546) **2.30** Parliament Replay (78463) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (18898) **4.30** CBS News (57140) **5.30** ABC News (43966)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1425107) **10.00 The Viking Queen** (1967) (21132) **12.00 King's Pirate** (1967) (56923) **2.00pm Cold Turkey** (1971) (73519) **4.00 Snoopy, Come Home** (1972) (37311039) **5.35 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** (1968)(16826478) **8.00 Made In America** (1993)(85300) **10.00 Joshua Tree** (1993) (832958) **11.45 Death Ring** (1991) (380818) **1.15am Lush Life** (1993) (647633) **3.00 Billy Two Hats** (1973) (94463) **4.30 The Viking Queen** (1967) (52695)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Man of the West (1958) (55107) **8.00 The Apartment** (1960) (40580584) **10.05-12.00 The Thing** (1982) (849774)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am This Earth Is Mine (1959) (35321126) **8.05 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (1985) (1569213) **9.00 Cobra Woman** (1944) (2237565) **10.15 The Gun Runners** (1958) (4005958) **11.40 Branded** (1950) (75536749) **1.20pm Stage Struck** (1957) (68639294) **2.55 The Slender Thread** (1965) (83397300) **4.40 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (1985) (1448836) **5.50 Spaceballs** (1987) (27409381) **7.30 The Movie Show** (5313) **8.00 Twilight Zone: Rod Serling's Lost Classics** (1993) (73737045) **9.40 US Top Ten** (602861) **10.00 Full Metal Jacket** (1987)(50126) **12.00 Dangerous Touch** (1993) (111527) **1.45am Payoff** (1991) (559891) **3.35 Those Bedroom Eyes** (1992) (27340091)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4884923) **7.15** WWF Action Zone (950107) **8.15** Soccer News (2807652) **8.30** Transworld Sport (98381) **9.30** Aerobics (61381) **10.00** Opposite Lock (54045) **12.00** Aerobics (29861) **12.30pm** US PGA Seniors Golf (56565) **2.30** Andy Gray's Bootroom (64300) **3.30** World of Rugby Union (2403) **4.00** ATP Tennis (8010) **4.30** Transworld Sport (99010) **5.30** World Soccer (1774) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (53316) **7.00** Schoolboy Football: Victory Shield, live (36871) **9.00** Ringside Boxing (76589) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (32855) **12.00** World Soccer (99169) **12.30-2.30am** Schoolboy Football (40508)

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am Max Out (4053519) **6.30** NBA Action (4964671) **7.00** ATP Tennis Magazine (7103300) **7.30** Snowboard Tour (4960855) **8.00** ATP Tennis (1957855) **11.00** Gillette World Sport Special (4946519) **11.30-12.00** Freestyle Skiing (4498126)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Tennis (20010) **8.00** Snowboarding (48942) **8.30** Live Athletics (2439039) **1.00pm** International Motorsports Report (55720) **2.00** Live Figure Skating (791294) **5.00** Live Athletics (29519) **6.30** Eurosport News (1107) **7.00** Live Figure Skating (425749) **10.00** Athletics (81010) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (84237)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Getaway — Australia (4320836) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1619590) **1.00** Ski Perfect (9916045) **1.30** Cook Italian (1618861) **2.00** Great Escapes (7109584) **2.30** Round Trip (4045590) **3.00** American Vacation (4239836) **4.30** Zoo Life (4969126) **5.00** Great Escapes (7190836) **5.30-6.00** Cook Italian (4950478)

TLC

9.00am A Brush with Ashley (2100652) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (5328768) **10.00** Talking Heads (2149126) **10.30** Only Human (3782294) **11.15** Draw with Don (95619519) **11.30** Life is for Living (4913251) **12.00** The Buzz (2293316) **12.30pm** Being There (5322584) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (8873590) **1.30** A Brush with Ashley (5321855) **2.00** Parents Talking (2375045) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (1358923) **3.00** House Style (2281652) **3.30-4.00** Acorn (1280768)

Matthew Modine: Full Metal Jacket (Movie Ch, 10.00pm)

UK GOLD

7.0am Give Us a Clue (8787749) **7.30** Neighbours (8799584) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2283687) **8.30** EastEnders (2291958) **9.00** The Bill (2102010) **9.30** All Creatures Great And Small (5121294) **10.30** Casualty (1582687) **11.30** Terry and June (8618869) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2295774) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5324942) **1.00** EastEnders (8779720) **1.30** The Bill (5323213) **2.00** Dear John (2377403) **2.30** Just Good Friends (1250381) **3.00** Knots Landing (4018805) **4.00** Dallas (9192190) **5.00** Every Second Counts (9065774) **5.35** Dick Emery (8980854) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (4151403) **6.30** EastEnders (1348590) **7.00** Dear John (2388519) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (1344774) **8.00** The Dawson Watch (2291039) **8.30** Fresh Fields (2376774) **9.00** Casualty (9073132) **10.00** The Bill (2286403) **10.30** Miami Vice (8285749) **11.30** Top of the Pops (8445039) **12.10am** Dr Who (5517701) **12.40** FILM: Sound of Love (1978) (18919275) **2.05-3.00** Shopping at Night (1407121)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (6264923) **6.55** Garfield and Friends(7731487) **7.25** Eek the Cat (6892958) **7.55** Degrassi Junior High (6035710) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (4671584) **8.45** Casper and Friends (1950687) **9.00** Sesame Street (15749) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (18213) **12.00** Garfield and Friends (63229) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (27215) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (51519) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (83768213) **1.45** Baby Follies (83763768) **2.00** Barney and Friends (2316) **2.30** Babar (9958) **3.00** Casper and Friends (1073132) **3.15** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (896300) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (895871) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1506855) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (6294)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (4882565) **7.15** Pee Wee's Playhouse (998107) **7.45** Rugrats (997478) **8.15** Doug (215710) **8.45** Nickalive! (8680132) **9.00** Nick Jr (785768) **12.00** Pee Wee's Playhouse (27403) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (70039) **1.00** Smoggies (13720) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (62010) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (8958) **2.30** Galaxy High School (5300) **3.00** Killer Tomatoes (4565) **3.30** Mutant Hero Turtles (7395) **4.00** Doug (6652) **4.30** Rugrats (2836) **5.00** Clarissa (9010) **5.30** The Secret World of Alex Mac (9316) **6.00** Grimmy (6229) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (7381)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Earth Tremors (2319872) **5.00** Biography (1468858) **5.55** Only in Hollywood (6961300) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4883768) **7.00** Charlie Bravo (2379861) **7.30** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (1342316) **8.00** Jurassica (2282381) **8.30** Terra X (2374316) **9.00** Around Whicker's World (9071774) **10.00** Future Quest (2294045) **10.30** Next Step (2107565) **11.00** First Flights (1969331) **11.30-12.00** The X-Planes (2138010)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: The Black Tent (1956) (2229316) **2.00** The Avengers (2137381) **3.00** The Rat Patrol (2285478) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (1257294) **4.00** Take Me High (1973) (2289294) **6.00** Garry Shandling (1253478) **6.30** Wild Wild West (1520403) **7.30** Saber of London (1268942) **8.00** Avengers (9982836) **9.00** Twilight Zone (1868382) **9.30** Mother, Jugs and Speed (1976) (5059774) **11.30-12.00** Drama (2132836)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (6188584) **7.00** Living (8896942) **8.00** Gardens (2620133) **8.30** Rendezvous (1681364) **9.00** All Well and Good (7986756) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7463010) **10.05** Now You See It (8934346) **10.30** Susan Powter Show (5081120) **11.00** Young And The Restless (7107497) **12.00** Wales (8633887) **12.35pm** Rendezvous (48347565) **1.05** Kilroy (8390010) **2.00** Agony Hour (1150958) **3.00** Living (7776720) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (65276565) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9300039) **4.30** Crosswits (9399923) **5.00** A Cook's Tour of France (3522836) **5.35** The New Mr And Mrs Show (7202316) **6.05** Susan Powter (8535590) **6.30** Infatuation (8301768) **7.00** Living (9843942) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (8925590) **9.00** Women of Brewster Place (1989)(88343045) **10.55** Sneak Scenes (8055410) **11.00** Sex Life (1615720) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (1075213)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (9328) **5.30** Blade Warriors (483768) **6.25** All Clued Up (609039) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6132) **7.30** My Two Dads (7923) **8.00** By Way of the Stars (52010) **9.00** Moonlighting (45774) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (84958) **10.30** GP (77478) **11.00** Lou Grant (65768) **12.00** Rhoda (40817) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (12546) **1.00** Dangermouse (42512) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (46275) **2.00** Moonlighting (70904) **3.00** Lou Grant (94121) **4.00** Rhoda (10879) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (91237)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (68985) **6.30** Grind (21836) **7.00** Wildside (53590) **8.00** VJ Ingo (682107) **11.00** Soul (42861) **12.00** Hits (93958) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (26381) **3.00** Zig and Zag Show (4251) **3.30** Report (1827251) **3.45** Cinematic (8877756) **4.00** News (1881590) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1508213) **4.30** Dial MTV (8652) **5.00** Non-Stop (73652) **7.00** Hits (45720) **8.00** Most Wanted (98584) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (94687) **10.00** Report (665010) **10.15** Cinematic (660565) **10.30** News (470687) **10.45** 3 from 1 (395842) **11.00** Party Zone (11107) **1.00am** Soul (29643) **2.00** Grind (21985) **2.30-7.00** Videos (4577091)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9915316) **9.00** Cafe (8164478) **12.00** The Bridge (7708294) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (9569300) **2.30** Heart and Soul (3644478) **3.30** Into the Music (6632869) **6.00** Prime Cuts (1530039) **7.00** VH-1 For You (5917316) **8.00** Soul (5820836) **9.00** Ten of the Best (5833300) **10.00** Jonathan Ross Presents (4323923) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (4332671) **11.00** Around and Around (9822652) **12.00** The Nightfly (9621053) **2.00am** Ten of the Best (8167072) **3.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

6.00am Persian Dawn (62364749) **7.00** Asian Morning (80486126) **8.30** Zindagi Ek Safar (75885294) **9.00** Zara Hat Ke (75952774) **9.30** Swar Bhushan (81712768) **10.00** Antakshri (49174852) **10.30** Amar Nam Bakul (86424749) **11.30** Kachwa Aur Khargosh (34370381) **12.00** Farmaish (81808519) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM (29051942) **4.00** Pakistani Serial: Dashi (34466132) **5.00** Film Deewane (92439403) **5.30** Zee and U (78708687) **6.00** Song Tere Naam Se (78623300) **6.30** Saat Phere (78614652) **7.00** BBCD (92353039) **7.30** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (78610836) **8.00** News (92435687) **8.30** Film Chakker (92341294) **9.00** Hindi FILM (32935854) **12.00** Asian Morning (30585140) **1.30** Sight and Sound (15081184)

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Theme: The Friday Feature

7.00pm Dragon Seed (1944) (11715381)

Theme: Friday Thriller

10.00 The Split (1968) (24186749)

Theme: Cinéma Français Classique

12.00 Un Revenant (He Who Returned) (1946): A choreographer returns to his home town of Lyon and stirs up old emotions. Starring Louis Jouvet and François Perier (67928879)

Theme: Perry Mason investigates

1.50am The Case of the Lucky Legs (1935): Warren William investigates the murder of a beauty queen (57470661) **3.15-5.00 The Case of the Black Cat** (1936): An elderly man is murdered after changing his will (24783530)

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Captaincy on selectors' agenda

Illingworth to scrutinise Atherton's role

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

GIVE a man a big job, it is sometimes said, and he will show you just how small he can be. Raymond Illingworth was coming to terms yesterday with his appointment as the manager of the England cricket team, having finally established the job conditions he wanted when he was first approached almost a decade ago. From now on, as he acknowledged, the chain of command begins and ends at his desk.

Michael Atherton's position as captain is not apparently in peril. "We have worked together all right so far," Illingworth said, recalling with that mirthless chuckle that he had "seen him through some sticky situations."

"I think it's fair to say because of what happened during the winter that me and him need to sit down and have a good chat about one or two areas," he added. "The captaincy is a job for the selectors to consider. The three of us will meet on the first day of the England A v Warwickshire match [April 18], though we may not pick a captain that day."

English cricket needs big men more than ever, and if bigness is reflected in heart and spirit, then men such as Atherton, Angus Fraser and Alec Stewart measure up. The question is: will Illingworth? A man who has never been known to be wrong must now always be seen to be right. Whether he likes it or not, that is the nature of his new job.

In his own way, Keith Fletcher was a big man, enduring public scrutiny of his performance, fair and foul, with a wry detachment. In other ways, he was not remotely big enough. His dismissal, midway through a five-year contract, was not the new manager's doing, however dry Illingworth's handkerchief was at his passing, but the new order is apparent. Illingworth prefers engagement, not detachment.

Suggestions that Atherton will not be able to work with Illingworth, that they do not see eye to eye, are wide of the mark. It is true that both men have strong views and can dig their heels in when challenged, even if Atherton has a "hinterland", to use Denis Healey's phrase, that is quite beyond Illingworth.

It is also true, and rather more important, that they are bonded by respect: Atherton for the manager's cricketing knowledge, Illingworth for the captain's fortitude. People of strong opinions incline by temperament towards others whose views are honestly held. Why else would Alan Clark admire Tony Benn as a Parliamentarian?

Illingworth: strong views

Nobody should suggest that the pairing of Atherton and Illingworth is unusual. Now that Gooch and Gatting have gone, and Illingworth's fast bowling hunches for Australia have become un-hunched, it may become harmonious.

Already Illingworth has been proved gloriously wrong by Fraser. So annoyed was he by Fraser's comments in a Sunday newspaper, after the bowler was excluded from the original party to tour Australia, that he docked him £1,000 of the stand-by fee.

It was only after Atherton's intervention that Fraser remained on stand-by at all and, as events in the Sydney and Adelaide Test matches proved, those words were well spoken. It is an episode that reveals more about Illingworth's ability to withstand criticism aimed at him than he might like to disclose. It is also a reminder.

When he takes up his new post, the dressing-room will be a better informed place, and players had better be aware of the responsibility they carry as Test cricketers. "We have got to get some pride back into playing for England," he said. "Basil D'Oliveira was born in South Africa but, by golly, it meant a lot to him when he pulled those three crowns on.

"I felt there was a big difference in the atmosphere between the end of August, when we beat South Africa at the Oval, and when I was in Australia over Christmas. You got the feeling that things were not quite the same.

"Team spirit, confidence, motivation, it's the same thing, and that's an area where I think I can help. We have got to give other teams a good, hard match. If you're beaten at the end of it then you have to hold your hand up. But if you're bowled out for 50 and the other team scores 500, then you won't have a chance."

So, another broom prepares to sweep clean and although Illingworth makes an unlikely Dick Van Dyke, he may recall the song: "A sweep is as lucky as lucky can be". If he does not get lucky in the next year, or pick some players who are, not even Mary Poppins will save him.

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Russians step out towards dance title

BY JOHN HENNESSY

OKSANA GRITSCHUK and Evgeny Platov, of Russia, fortified their position at the head of the ice dancing world championships at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham yesterday. They won the second phase of the competition as they had done the first, and so lead the Finnish couple, Susanna Rahkamo and Petri Kokko, by one point. That margin could vanish as a result of a Finnish victory in the free dance tonight, in which case Rahkamo and Kokko would win the title on a tie-break.

Only one judge — Brenda Long-Simpson, of Britain — preferred the Finns. The popularity of Rahkamo and Kokko is such that, whether in Birmingham or Berlin, Helsinki or Halifax, Nova Scotia, they are bound to be the people's favourite. In Britain, moreover, Gritschuk and Platov suffer from having won the Olympic title last year that everyone here thought belonged to Torvill and Dean.

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Certainly, Rahkamo and Kokko skated a hugely enjoyable programme symbolised by Rahkamo's head thrown back in what seemed like the ecstasy of the moment. But one has to concede, if grudgingly, that the Russians' performance came closer to the ideal of a ballroom dance. It contained some lovely touches, deft changes of edge, intricate steps, and, at one innovative point, no steps at all as they glided into the next movement. It was a victory well won.

The pairs final on Wednesday night, on the other hand, had proved a huge disappointment, to nobody more than Mandy Woetzel and Ingo Steuer, the European champions, from Germany.

In Dortmund a few weeks ago they had come back gloriously to overhaul the Czech pair, Radka Kovarikova and Rene Novotny, now coached by the celebrated Irina Rodnina, and claim the gold medals. The way was open to repeat the performance on a global level after a disappointing display by the Czechs.

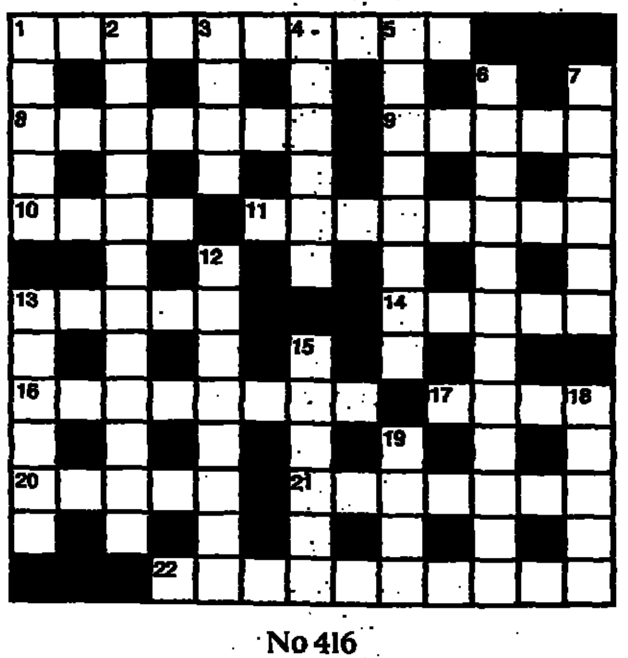
Gritschuk and Platov tighten their grip on the ice dancing competition yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

However, the Germans so dramatically fell from grace, and Woetzel did most of the falling, that they were denied a place on the podium altogether. The silver medals went to the winners last year, Yevgenia Shishkova and Vadim Naumov, of Russia, and the bronze to the United States champions, Jenni Meno and Todd Sand, trained by John Nicks, a British former winner of the title at the side of his sister.

There was general rejoicing that the popular Czech pair had succeeded at last but tempered by the knowledge that the faultless performance of Shishkova and Naumov had not been rewarded by even one of the nine judges as the best on the night. Perhaps that was the penalty they paid for being the first to skate in the final group.

The British champions, Lesley Rogers and Michael Aldred, were unable to realise their true potential, modest though it is. Unlike Aldred, who competed in 1990 with a different partner, Rogers is new to this ordeal and may have been overawed. At any rate, she fell on a triple toe loop and reduced the side-by-side double axel to a single.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
- 1 Critical demolition (7,3)
- 8 (Regular) medical examination (5-2)
- 9 Vigilant: warning (5)
- 10 Outbuilding: take off (4)
- 11 Be arrogantly assertive (8)
- 13 Gambling game: cry of surprise (5)
- 14 Bear young (cow) (5)
- 16 No stone so left by seeker (8)
- 17 Emporium (4)
- 20 Code of belief (5)
- 21 Twosome: old jacket (7)
- 22 Eye watchfully (4,4,2)

DOWN
- 1 Hoax; stupefy (5)
- 2 Immediately (5,3,4)
- 3 Long-walk (4)
- 4 Leader of pack (3,3)
- 5 Consistent (2,1,5)
- 6 Hollywood stars' home area (7,5)
- 7 Deprive of sustenance (6)
- 12 Oatmeal dish (8)
- 13 (Late riser's) two meals in one (6)
- 15 Make parody of (4,2)
- 18 Mount; don (3,2)
- 19 Distinctive air (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 415

ACROSS: 1 Resound 5 Nave 9 Steal 10 Van Gogh 11 Garden of Eden 12 Bodice 13 Cloche 16 Bottle-washer 19 Spinner 20 Outré 21 Take 22 Emperor

DOWN: 1 Rush 2 Steward 3 Ugly duckling 4 Divine 6 Aloud 7 Enhance 8 One fell swoop 12 Babysit 14 Creator 15 Swerve 17 Trick 18 Jeer

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Drivers decry new clauses

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE leading drivers in Formula One motor racing last night warned the governing body of the sport to soften its stance on new clauses in super-licence applications or risk an impasse that could threaten their participation in the opening race of the season in Brazil in less than three weeks.

The drivers are concerned because the applications for the licence — without which they cannot compete in grands prix — contain wide-ranging demands they say have not appeared in previous years and which do not address the issue of a driver's liability if he is involved in an accident on the track.

Only six of the 28 drivers have signed their applications so far, and leading racers such as Michael Schumacher, Damon Hill and Nigel Mansell are not among them. They have sought clarification of the clauses from the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA) but are disappointed with the reply they received from its president, Max Mosley.

Martin Brundle, one of three spokesmen for the Grand Prix Drivers' Association, emphasised yesterday that they were eager to avoid a confrontation with the FIA, but he also made it clear that the drivers expected explanations of the new clauses from Mosley and that the situation could deteriorate. The FIA declined to comment on the issue yesterday.

The drivers' objections centre on the liability issue and on a clause that prevents them criticising the governing body. They are also unhappy with demands that they make themselves widely available to promote grand prix events, a stipulation that could threaten their obligations to sponsors.

"I hope the whole issue is sorted out before we get to Brazil," Brundle said. "We read the document when it arrived and realised it had changed significantly. We wanted to know what had generated the changes but we have not been told yet. We are not getting the respect and the co-operation we should be getting and we were disappointed with the brevity of the response from the FIA to our very clear questions.

"There have been no signs of militancy among the drivers yet but you cannot go signing legally binding documents without more explanation. If we do not get some kind of satisfaction, we are going to say, 'What are we going to do about it?' Who knows what will happen then?"

Arguments over the super-licences are not new. In 1982 and 1987, similar disagreements were settled without a strike.

Bowe offers Tyson huge prize

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

THE exclusion of Riddick Bowe from the rankings of three of the four world bodies, as a result of boxing politics, could seriously damage his chances of cashing in on a contest with Mike Tyson, who is expected to be released from prison this month. So, after relieving Herbie Hide of the World Boxing Organisation title here tomorrow, Bowe intends to take matters into his own hands.

Bowe will visit Tyson in prison on Monday to see that his old friend does not forget him when he comes out. Rock Newman, Bowe's manager, who will be going with him, said yesterday that Bowe could be Tyson's first opponent and the boxers could share a record $120 million (about £73 million) from a bout that would gross an incredible $250 million (about £152.5 million).

There would be no need for sanctioning by the world bodies, for if Tyson wants the biggest event in the history of boxing to take place, it will happen. Newman believes the bout could be staged in September or November this year, or June next year, in New York. He said: "We are going to talk to Mike because he is going to be calling the shots, even if Don King is involved. Tyson and Bowe are better friends than anybody in boxing."

Newman said that Tyson had grown up in prison and was determined to take charge of his own affairs when he comes out: "He is so much wiser, he processes things so much better. He went in an unruly child and is coming out a mature man. No one is ever going to take control of him again."

Newman said that a group of pay-per-view exhibitors had guaranteed two million homes at $35 a home. The average price of tickets at Madison Square Garden would be $1,000, with a capacity of 20,000 adding another $20 million. Other sources like cinemas could raise the total to $250 million.

All this depends on how Bowe gets on with Hide, the Norwich heavyweight. Some experts are concerned about the slowness of an overweight Bowe; Hide's elusive counter-punching style could cause problems for Bowe, who likes his opponents to come to him.

Kinnear: red card

Kinnear to keep his distance

JOE KINNEAR, scourge of FA Carling Premiership football referees, held out an olive branch yesterday in the wake of his latest brush with the men in green (Russell Kempson writes). The Wimbledon manager is to relinquish his place on the team bench for a seat in the stands.

The self-imposed touchline exile is unlikely to save him from a heavy fine and suspension for his outburst in the 1-0 defeat by Manchester United at Selhurst Park on Tuesday.

Already antagonised by the controversial sending-off of Alan Kimble, the Wimbledon defender, for two bookable offences, Kinnear lost his temper when Steve Bruce scored the 83rd-minute decider.

He ran onto the pitch to confront Robbie Hart, the referee, and claimed he was still questioning the decision to dismiss Kimble — for failing to retreat the required ten yards at a corner. Kinnear was also given a red card.

He already faces a charge of bringing the game into disrepute after an incident at the end of the 2-1 defeat at Newcastle United on January 25. The FA will deal with both cases at the same hearing.

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